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Taking Hold With Creative Joy

Youth isn't forever.

Age is a state of mind, but high school is a hard fact. High school may seem to last an eternity, but it too must come to an end.

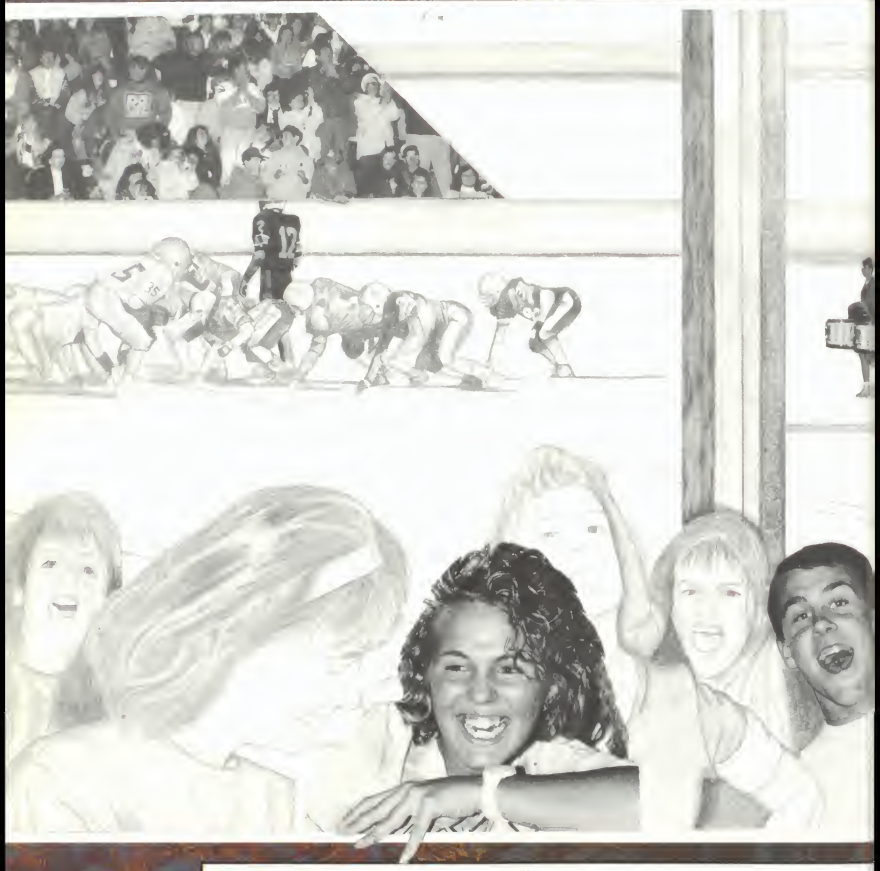
Viewed from September, the school year ahead looks so long! From a backwards glance in the rear view mirror, however, high school years seem to blend together like fast moving traffic.

Every once in a while it's necessary to stop for a Chinese Fire Drill. Take a step back from the day to day business to make time for little things. Enjoy. Be creative. These are things that make memories to carry into the years ahead.

As adults, these crucial years may seem so long ago, yet just like yesterday. Until then, it is today that must be made to count. It is today that everyone must begin to make something of himself or herself to carry on the way. It is today that everyone stops talking and starts doing.

TALKING A BLUE STREAK is a start, but as Nike said, You should "Just Do It" to get the GOLD.

◆ **Lisa Hepburn**



Like A Tapestry . . .



It's amazing what a touch of color can do. Everybody has potential greatness. Whether it's football, band, working for peace, or just cheering Highland on, it's the little extras that provide color and excitement in life.

So many people trudge through their high school days



half comatose. They spend all their time watching the clock and waiting for the day to end, waiting for the week to be over, waiting for the year to end. They wait for something exciting to happen.

"Life could be so much more exciting if people wouldn't just let things happen in their life and then simply react. Instead, we need to initiators in part of our lives, not always merely reactors," says a philosophy expert.

Even Shakespeare said "Hamlet intends to do nothing but good, yet he does nothing but intend."

Day to day life can become gray. One day flows into the next with nothing black or white, highs or lows to break up the monotony. The blacks have a way of happening themselves, but people have to put the color in their own lives. It's amazing how much color can brighten up a day. It all starts with a **Touch of Color.**

◆ **Lisa Hepburn**

Art By Kellen Maicher

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CHANGES

World Changes Touch Students' lives

The world constantly changes As the students of Highland grow, they find themselves immersed into the real world that once seemed so far away. 1991-1992 has been a particularly eventful year. Hardly a week went by without world-wide news breaking across the front page. Shortly after school began, Communism in the Soviet ended. Then the Soviet Union itself collapsed.

As the U.S. recession deepened and the presidential campaign heated up, the last three American hostages were freed in Lebanon. Terry Anderson and his fellow prisoners made it home for the holidays.

Also, The "Magic" Era of free love ended when basketball star Earvin Johnson announced he has the HIV Virus, showing that AIDS does not discriminate.

All thse events left the world, the country, and everyone at Highland

Talking A Blue Streak!

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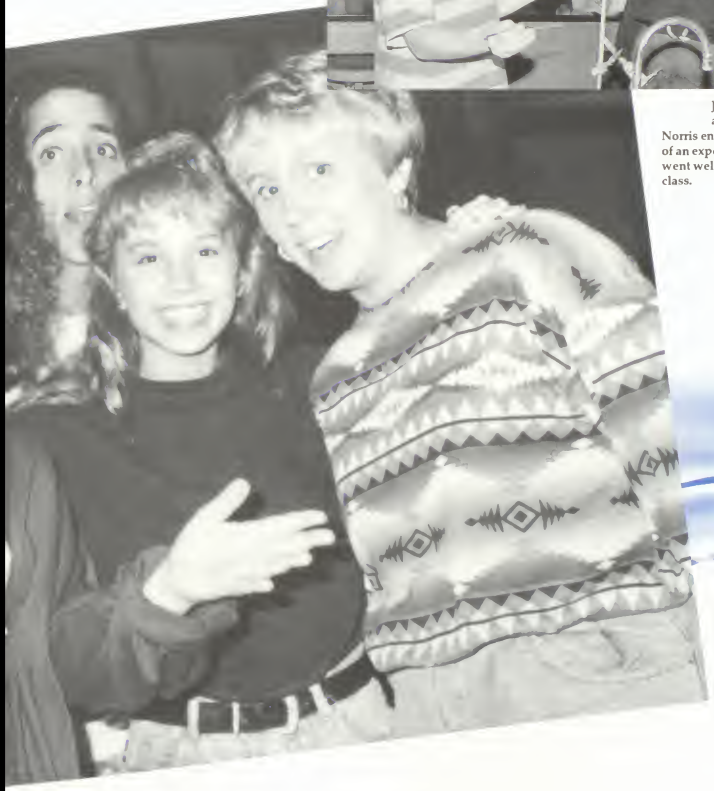




Scott Palmer, a junior, brings enthusiasm to all he does in Highland class work and activities.

Miss Brenda Larsen enjoys time after class with Carla Churilla, Mike Jasaitis and Michelle Dragus.





Jason Johns and Mandy Norris enjoy the success of an experiment which went well in Chemistry class.







Talk Until You Are BLUE In The Face

Going places is what it's all about.

There are still people to see and there are ALWAYS things to do, but the bottom line comes down to going places. To get somewhere in life is the whole reason everyone spends at least twelve years of it in school. It doesn't matter what kind of life people choose to lead; a basic education is necessary.

Life is all about learning. It doesn't stop in the classroom, though. Academic knowledge is every important, but it can only take a person so far in the real world and in happiness.

There are many different aspects of life — *Student Life* in particular. Here's where all the people to see and things to do come in. With the things students do, they see and learn more about people. That helps them learn more about themselves. Through that process, the students at Highland will find their places to go.

On the way, so much happens to talk about. Students here at Highland sometimes find themselves **TALKING 'TIL THEY'RE BLUE IN THE FACE.**

◆ **Lisa Hepburn**

Showing spirit at the Munster game, members of the senior class cheer the Trojans at the Mustang field.



Just Don't Wanna Talk About It

Shh!

There are plenty of reasons why Highland talks a blue streak, but there are just some things ya' don't wanna' talk about!

Every has had embarrassing moments.

Times when you just want to curl up in a ball like those little black curly bugs, bury your head in a little hole like an ostrich, plead temporary insanity like Charles Manson. You know, THOSE times. Here are a few of the best, well, maybe the worst, from Highland students . . .

Caught IN THE ACT

"As a gag gift, my best friend's girlfriend bought him a pair of musical underwear. He, being too modest to wear them, gave them to me. On the night of prom I was in a hurry to get ready, so I grabbed any pair of underwear out of my drawer. I didn't realize this until I used the restroom at prom. This was no big deal though. Right? Well, while dancing a slow dance with my date, we got a little too close and the music went off in my shorts just as the bands music stopped. I never lived that one down."





No! No! No!

Hardway Doing the Lollapalooza



"My friends and I all got tickets to the Lollapalooza concert. We camped out for them and couldn't wait for our 12 hours of continuous moshing. Since nobody there would know me I decided I wanted to change my identity just for the day. I bought this long red wig and dressed accordingly. It looked good. I was a totally different person and ready to party.

At the concert, I've never had so many guys look my way or girls compliment me. It was great! Until... everyone was gathered around a huge blanket. They were putting one person in the middle, throwing them up, and catching them in the makeshift trampoline. My turn came. Everyone was watching and everyone was trying to outdo everyone else on how high they could go. I went about 15 feet in the air. That was pretty good, but my wig went about 20 feet. I was mortified! Everyone was watching, including the hot guy I just told I was a natural red head.

"Oh well, I'm not going to lose any more hair over it."



Slippery When Wet

"I was outside the school after a music program with millions of people around me. I urgently needed to speak with my best friend. When I saw her standing outside the school, I ran back in to talk with her. It was in the winter and very icy out. I didn't realize how slick my shoes were.

All of a sudden I slid halfway across the floor and landed on my back side. When I finally collected myself and stood up, tons of people around me, including a group of hot guys, were all staring and laughing at me. To top it off, one of the hot guys handed me my shoe, which had hit him in the nose."



BUMMER

◆ *"I was in the mall with two of my friends, just hanging out. We were just walking around looking for something to do when I saw my neighbor who works in Fredericks. I went in to say hi. No big deal. At least it would have been if my girlfriend's dad wouldn't have walked by as I was leaving. Talk about a bummer!"*

No Ex-Marine?



"I picked up a fake ID from Goldblatt's. The thing was totally just a joke. No one would take it seriously. Why would I want a fake ID anyway?

Well, I got pulled over for some minor incident. I think I was going 23 in a 20 mph zone or something like 82 in a 40.

Anyway, when I pulled out my drivers license for Officer Friendly, he wasn't smiling. He didn't quite believe I was a 35 year-ld ex-marine from Jamaica. Oops!



Brandy Younkers and Brian Mojeski have been dating since sophomore year. They shared some good times at a relative's wedding together .





Fast TALK

HIGHLAND STYLE THE DATING GAME

Bachelor #1:
"Hey Baby, what's your sign?"

Bachelor #2
"Haven't I seen you somewhere before?

Bachelor #3
"What does your daddy do for living? He must be a thief because I'd swear he stole all the stars from the sky and put them in your eyes."

Sound familiar? They do to anyone who's ever played the Dating Game. These are just a few of the innumerable lines people use.

Are using lines a cheap way to meet someone? Maybe. But the question is Do they work? Sometimes.

Senior Rachelle Aspan says, "I can usually tell when someone's using a line on me. If they can't be sincere from the start then there's no point in pursuing a relationship."

Junior Mike Golumbac sees it differently. " There's nothing wrong with using lines. Some people just use them as a joke to break the ice. Whatever works."

It can be hard to talk to new people. Freshman Brad Joseph says, "It's hard for me to just go up to a chick and start talking. I have to at least know she wants to talk to me ."

Senior Mike Burke doesn't seem to have that problem. He has the . . . confidence to walk up to a girl and say, "Y'know I saw you looking at me and I figured since you were too intimidated by my studliness to come to me, that I'd come over here and give you the shot you deserve since I'm such a nice guy." Talk about Talking a Blue Streak!

The overwhelming majority does not think fast talking is the best way to meet someone. In a survey of Highland students 87% claim to never use actual lines. Most students say they ask questions that sound at least a little more sincere. "What school are you from?", "Want to go to a party?", and "Need a ride?" are popular. As far as the best pick up line that's stood the test of time, 73% of those surveyed say a simple "hi" can't be beat.

Lisa Hepburn



"Mike's Massage Parlor- don't rub you the wrong way." Mike Deleget is trying to keep a hold on Melissa Lockrey, his turnabout date.



Fast talk is exactly what it took for Simo Glumac to get his friends Brandy Younkers and Jill Wlendowski in such a cozy position. What a stud!



Top Ten Places to go on a Dream Date

1. Have dinner on the beach by moonlight
2. Dinner and a play in Chicago
3. Dinner on the 95th floor of the John Hancock
4. Skiing at a lakeside resort
5. Going to a baseball game
6. Go to Hollywood and have dinner at the Cat Club
7. Go horseback riding and have a picnic
8. Midnight boat ride in Chicago.
9. Go to the Tropical Island resort in Disney World.
10. Anywhere with the one you love.

Fast talk comes naturally to some. Rock Quenzler is definately one of the gifted, but Tracy Bazarko looks like she's heard that line once too often.

Things That Make You Go HMMM!

I was driving in from Cleveland this morning and I had some thoughts. Amazing,eh? These weren't just thoughts, these were things that make you go "Hmmmmm!"

Arsenio Hall and Socrates weren't the only ones who had thoughts to wonder about. Students here at Highland have plenty of their own.

There are some things that just have never made sense or just don't live up to their names. Here are a few examples HHS thinkers have created:



Math teacher Mr. Darrell Jones estimates the jelly beans in the Student Council Teacher Halloween Party jar.

1. Why do you drive in a parkway and park in a driveway?
- A. If you drove in a driveway and parked in a parkway you would be on park swings.
- B. To avoid accidents
- C. Because in a parkway Nathan Pierson's driving

2. Why do they call them peace keeper missiles?
- A. That was the week the pink elephants got away and the zoo keeper was busy
- B. To confuse the enemy
- C. Dan Quayle named them

3. When yogurt goes bad, how can you tell?
- A. When your bratty brother keels over after testing it
- B. When you mistake it for the guacamole dip
- C. When it smells like your little brother two weeks later

4. Why is the Department of the Interior in charge of everything outdoors?
- A. Because they didn't want Exxon to be in charge
- B. The people from Green Peace chased them inside
- C. Dan Quayle named it

5. When you lose weight where does it go?
- A. To your head
- B. Back to Jenny Craig to be recycled

6. When somebody yawns why does it cause a chain reaction?
- A. Because they're all in the same earth space class.
- B. Because the person who yawned sucked all the air out of the classroom.
- C. Because if it's "in" in Highland, then everybody does it

7. Why are apartments together?
- A. Because they're never meant to be apart.
- B. Because there's already too much loneliness in the world
- C. Because they're not stressed out.

8. Why do you call it rush hour when nobody goes anywhere?
- A. Because when you're sitting there your blood pressure rises to your head.
- B. Because you're sitting so long you want to rush away.
- C. Because everybody's going nowhere fast.

Kara Maicher







Ray Velez' arched eyebrow, Brandy Younkers' human glasses trick, and Amanda Buck's multiple limbs look are either weird or wonderful. Any way, they're just plain fun!

TALK ABOUT WEIRD!

Roll over! Animals are praised for accomplishing feats such as these every day.

But what about us? We can do all of those things easily. not to mention millions of other stunts. Finally, humans attain the chance to show off their specialties. Specifically, Highland students Highland show us their weird and original tricks.

What's the point? These tricks aren't exactly in the top ten of the most useful stunts. But who needs useful when there's wacky, wild, and hilarious? The purpose of these zany stunts is pure fun. They are a blast to watch and a boggle to figure out.

Junior Dave Roche says, "I've always liked to do weird things. I don't really think before I do them. I'm a spur of the moment type guy."

While some are afraid to stray from the norm, Highland students seem to feel that being weird is a talent in itself.

Mica Landsman and Brian Foutch are juniors, but enjoy getting zany once in a while after school hours are over.

Arin Betchen

Senior Shannon Keil and Sophomore Jen Bognar use quiet time to make study and relaxation top priorities.

Senior Pat Hoadley throws on his shades and tries to get some privacy on the wall to the Liberty Bowl in Nashville.









What matters most?

PRIORITIES

What came first, the chicken, the egg, or the omelet?

That is about the same as what gets done first. Everyday people set their priorities and some are kept, some not all.

Think back to the carefree days of freshman year: minimal home work and low pressures. Next, sophomore year comes with the worry of passing the driver's exam and getting into upperclassmen's parties.

In junior year the list really piles up. First are P.S.A.T's and S.A.T's, then worries about relationships and prom. Finally, senior year arrives, the year when final decisions are made and the year whose priority list runs off the table.

No matter where people fit in the plan at HHS, they learn among other things to develop priorities in dealing with time, people, and so many decisions they make. What counts to us counts most!

Therefore it is important to periodically check our values, and see how they match up with how we are spending our time.

Margie Grimmer

NEEDING



It's OK to be alone

HAVING PRIVACY

'We all just need to get away at times", says Highland junior Scott Palmer. "Even the most extroverted person has to get away to do his or her own thinking."

A perfect example of a place for privacy is a bedroom. Any person's bedroom has his or her own touch, not to mention memories from concerts, dates, and special times. These are quick ways to get away into one's own little world. Even in teens' own minds there is a little world no one else can get into without a very special key.

By definition, privacy means a state of being private or alone. Melissa Lockrey's is, " It's a time when you can be by yourself to think what you want without all the other idiots around you."

Everyone needs time and space, and whenever one needs to get away. There is always time to sort out thoughts and enjoy the private times. This does not involve being lonely, but rather learning to deal with one's own thoughts in peace.

Margie Grimmer

Rachelle Rhodes finds some solitary space to reflect on her own thoughts. There she finds priorities and many sensitive feelings.

Junior Renee McKay appreciates the time she can get away from the crowd and get in touch with her own self.



Nerd Day finds Averie Wallner and Don Wrench with taped glass frames and outdated clothing under a Highland tree.

Braving rain on their parade, junior girls prepare to walk their float down a darkening Kennedy Avenue.





Homecoming

Rain can't soak Highland Spirit

The clouds grew darker as step -off time for the '91 Homecoming parade grew nearer.
Students crossed their fingers, hoping the rain would wait just a few more hours. To no avail, it began to drizzle gently before the parade began. Nevertheless, everything proceded as normal as the parade units headed down Highway Ave. toward Kennedy, with the cooperation of the students and others along the route. The drizzle turned to a downpour by the middle of the parade, soaking everyone, but not their Homecoming spirits.

To spite the nasty weather, the junior class won extra cash for winning the best float contest. The seniors made an effort with their walking entry "Missing in Action". This was an effort to state their float, which never got produced, was "missing in action". With Superstars cancelled because of the rain, fans and students will managed to keep Homecoming alive.

Arin Betchen







We should arrest anyone who wears glasses with frames over a quarter inch thick

Chris Orrick

Kelly Egan and Tom Frankiewicz make a dashing pair to celebrate "The Nerd Experience." Left, Barbie and Mindy Miller, with Diane Karin at the parade.

Seniors were missing a float, but not creativity. Their "missing in action" theme observed the senior float which never appeared — because it wasn't there!





Scott Palmer and Dave Bertlett act their nerdy best during Spirit Week.

Homecoming

Psychological ramifications of rampant 'Nerdiness'

'Hey Arvid, did you check out Merv's new pocket protector?" Conversations like this were heard when Highland observed Spirit Week's Nerd/Mismatch Day.

Students dug out their nerdy best for the day which roused a plethora of stereotypical images, such as using expansive vocabularies.

Other distinctions consist of the immoderately essential pocket protector, massive eyeglasses with tape around the nosepiece, and out of date apparel worn with the trousers pulled up to the chest. Yet, what is a nerd?

Some people regard those who are intellectually advanced and receive high marks as nerds. Others think nerds are persons whose actions are not "cool" or acceptable.

On the contrary junior Cari Brown feels, "Who's to say what someone is? Everybody is his/her own self." That's a good question.

Blythe Fritz and Katie Smith have an answer, "There's no such thing as a nerd. Everyone is equal. People begin to cut down others and they begin to think differently about themselves. This is wrong; everyone is unique."

Arin Betchen



Homecoming

Saturday dance helps students forget week of rain, frustration

Homecoming Queen Amy Ferko and King Jake Quigg share a dance together early in the evening.



October 5, 1991 was a day in paradise for many.

Highland alm trees made from carpet rolls surrounded the dance floor and a fruit punch waterfall quietly trickled.

After a week of rain and even a two-day football game, the Homecoming Dance made all the week's activities come to at least a successful conclusion.

This dance was a special evening for seniors Jake Quigg and Amy Ferko, who were crowned king and queen of the Homecoming Court. They shared a dance with other court members.

Senior Student Council member Liz Ecsy chaired the dance and Highland D.J. Don Herald provided the music for the evening in a style many appreciated.

According to juniorEd Klapak, "The Homecoming dance was huge success in every way. Everyone needs the chance to spend a night in paradise."

✌ Arin Betchen

Enjoying the exhuberance of the evening, a group of junior class members liven up Homecoming activities.

Danielle Figlio shows she can dance with the best as the music heats up.

Lower right, junior Brandy Younkers gets into the spirit of the music. It's called, "Get funky, get down"!





Margie Grimmer, Maureen Carroll and Juli Matulis lead the cheers as Amy and Jake take a spin on the dance floor.

Dance goers pose for pictures while Nikki Lee and Todd Skertich take a turn in a slow dance together.







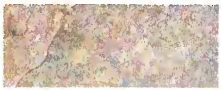






Brandy Younkers and "Mo" Modjeski slow dance to music Dee Jay Don Herald picked for the special event.

The flash of the photographer's camera catches Kimm Elliott and her friends in the middle of a lively number.







The Trojans defend against powerhouse East Chicago Central in the Saturday finish of the game.

Queen Amy Ferko and King Jake Quigg admire Amy's pink tennies in the rain-soaked ceremonies.







Above, Quarterback Bob Johnson passes, while below the team enjoys a good play Friday evening. Despite the loss to EC Central, the team never gave up the Trojan spirit. Neither did their fans.

Amy Ferko, Jake Quigg lead week's rain-soaked events

Talk about raining on a parade! Highland experienced that feeling first hand Homecoming Week. The convertibles carrying the court had their tops up as the parade pushed on between the drops.

This year's Homecoming Court consisted of Nicole Lee, Rosie Cook, Tina Zimmerman, Amy Ferko, and Lisa Hepburn, with Todd Skertich, Larry Scott, Jake Quigg, Mike Rybicki, and Marco Trivunovic.

Before the game began, Jake Quigg was announced King, with Amy Ferko as his Queen. Amy had the right idea, sporting her hightop converse originals in the rain and mud. Amy said, "Even though it was my one chance in a lifetime to be a queen, I still had to be me. At least they matched my pink gown!"

The refs let the game go on until lightning streaked across the sky. Then, because state law forbids playing in an electrical storm, the game was stopped. It was finished the next afternoon, and Highland submitted to East Chicago Central with a 61 - 21.

✍ Lisa Hepburn



Doug Boersma gains yardage in the afternoon portion of the game.

Homecoming Court: Todd Skertich, Nikki Lee, Mike Rybicki, Lisa Hepburn, Marco Trivunovic, Tina Zimmerman, Queen Amy Ferko, King Jake Quigg, Rosie Cook, and Larry Scott.





Claiming her own style in the Highland High scene, Rachel Holder is always on the cutting edge of fashion. Left, she wears polka dots, Cavariccis and mock boots. Right, junior Avarie Wallner definitely made a statement by wearing a hat to the Homecoming Dance. Below, Justin Foote and Alicia Castillo-Flores model the new Sox logo and the traditional Nike top. The new Sox jerseys were more popular this year than Cub wear.





fashion style

Style Says It All

'All you have to be is you,"says fashion designer Liz Claiborne.

That's nice, but for some people it's more of an expensive than for others.

With ever changing trends, it could cost a lot of money to dress fashionably — or not very much at all. If you choose to have the labels Liz Claiborne, Esprit, Benetton or any of the other "in" designers, it could cost you prettily.

The question remains —are you buying those clothes for the names or for the comfort? "I like to wear Z. Cavariccis, Guess, and Esprit. A lot of people do, but I don't feel that people wear them just for the names. They wear them because they're comfortable," states Rachel Holder, junior.

But there will be those people who buy the labels because they think they will be "in" if they wear them. "Don't dress to impress others. Dress to impress yourself."Junior Amanda McGlashan says.

Amanda Buck







Staying in style is something many students do well. Kelly Egan is a stockholder of the Limited, according to some who have seen her there. It's HER shop! Below, Mandy Norris always manages to look good, taking extra care with her appearance. Above, Michelle Banjura's unique shoes show her own creative ingenuity. Individual style is always popular among Highland students.

But unique works, too

individual style

Although everyone is unique, it's frightening how hard people try to be the same. "Individuality is being able to stand up and say 'this is me'" claims junior Avarie Wallner.

With everyone racing to the stores to buy a new pair of Air Jordans, there still is a silent bunch who seem to be happy with generic shoes from a local discount store. "Not everyone has the clams to go out and buy a new pair of steppers. That's why I prefer the lived in look!" says senior Mark Sharp.

"Why everyone feels that to " be cool" they have to wear a certain brand of clothes, or have a certain hair style, I'll never understand!" says Brian Stephens. Michelle Tucker agrees with this point. "As long as I'm comfy, I'm happy! "

The bottom line: buy a pair of Cavaracci's for $113 and be broke, or be comfortable in a pair of $6 sweats from Venture!

Jessica Stern

Kim Easto (Lucy) sings to her idol, Schroeder, played by Randy Nortman while he, as usual, ignores her for his music.



"Whatever you say, Sir!" Dawn Fanning (Marcie) continues her adulation of Pappermint Patty (Lori Popplewell).











Left, Kim Easto as Lucy waits to impart wisdom. while aobve Brian Sankowski seems to have his part in the bag.









Dirt seems to come naturally to Pigpen, played by Pete Sudrak while Charlie Brown agonizes over another defeat.

You're A Good Man

GOOD GRIEF!

Charlie Brown

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown came and went, but "Happiness" remained.

"When you're able to take a character as popular as Snoopy, and make people laugh, that has to be one of the best feelings someone can experience," says senior Mike Beko (Snoopy).

On the other hand, Brian Sankowski (Charlie Brown) liked the show, but had just one thing to say, "OH, GOOD GRIEF!"

In the short amount of the show's run everyone became closer, including the sound, lighting, house, and stage crews.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown was about an ordinary day in the life of the Peanut characters, mainly focused on Charlie Brown, portrayed by senior Brian Sankowski.

Nonetheless, the whole gang was there, Linus (Chris DeVries) and his blanket, Lucy (Kim Easto) and her mouth, and Schroeder (Randy Nortman) with his piano. Other cast members included Snoopy (Mike Beko), Woodstock (Lori Kocon), and Peppermint Patty (Lori Popplewell).

Michelle Tucker

Lori Kocon as Woodstock finds a broken heart doesn't help flight. Left, the cast claps for the pit during curtain call.



Charting the beat of life at HHS

Times are forever changing. While the world keeps becoming a new place, however, music from the stone age years of our parents' generation has made a comeback.

Just as the clothes and trends of the 60's and 70's return, so does the music. Classic rock groups such as the Beatles, the Doors, Led Zepplin, and the Rolling Stones have returned as some of the most popular groups among teenagers.

Other types of music remain popular, such as heavy metal, alternative, and rock. Two groups now "out" are New Kids on the Block and Vanilla Ice. Still hanging in are Paula Abdul and Madonna.

Let's not forget to mention the ever so controversial Michael Jackson. Is his new album *Dangerous* a hit or a flop? His new video "Black or White" received lots of media attention. Yet even popular Michael dates back to our parents' time with his singing as the youngest in the Jackson Five.

Why all the remakes and old music? Is it a lack of creativeness? Laziness?

Maybe, plain and simple, it's just good music.

Arin Betchen

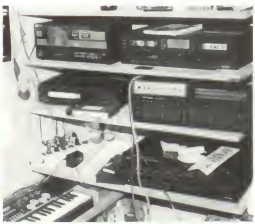




Top, right: senior Don Herald spins the platters at the HHS Homecoming Dance. He's considered one of Highland's best Dee Jays.



Tammy Bandura, Stephanie Morano, and Joanie Kruger react to music the way most do , they dance. Right: the machine makes the sound.



Far right: Mike Beko and Joe Doerr share Dee Jay honors at a football game dance. They find the tunes that captures the true Highland beat.

Rhythm City





Cari Brown and Doug Boersma groove at the Homecoming dance. Tina Zimmerman and Jerry Woodward are behind them.

Into the Beat! Averie Wallner seems lost in the rhythm of a hot song. A good dance number is also a good way to relieve stress and tension.





Highland High Likes . . .

Metallica . . . REM . . . C & C Music Factory . . .103.5 . . . Anything from the '60's . . . Boys II Men . . . Prince . . . The BUS . . . Mariah Carey . . . Guns 'N Roses . . ."Everything I Do" by Bryan Adams . . .Michael Bolton . . . U2 . . . Garth Brooks . . . Bonnie Raitt . . Michael Jackson at times . . . Red Hot Chili Peppers

In Turnabout spirit are Gary Janick, Mike Golumbeck, Larry Scott, Brian Zygmunt, Jake Quigg and Milenko Vukas.

Sharing a slow dance, Mike Hall and Tina Condes feel the evening slipping away.

Diana Zych and Greg Jamrock seem to hold the wonder and special quality which always marks a Turnabout dance.

The Court: Milenko Vukas, Ryan Kussy, Tom Frankiewicz, Doug Schafer, Dave Wleklinski, Kate Hullinger, Michelle Cseri, Rosey Cook, King Larry Scott, Queen Sylvia Galic, Bridget Gordon, Monika Zakrzacki.











Turnabout In Your Dreams 91

For some, Turnabout this year was "In Their Dreams". Stars luminated St. George's SerbianHall where people enjoyed dancing,refreshments, and pictures. "The atmosphere was romantic, it set the mood for a great night," says Kara Maicher.

All of a sudden the music ceases and the lights go on. An emergency?! No, just the announcement of Turnabout Court: Tom Frankiewicz, Ryan Kussy, Doug Schafer, Larry Scott, Dave Wleklinski,Milenko Vukas, Katie Hullinger, Bridget Gordon, Monika Zakrzacki, Sylvia Galic, Rosie Cook and Michelle Cseri.

Larry Scott and Sylvia Galic were elected King and Queen by students attending the dance. They are both letter winners at Highland High, starring in several sports.

The fancy dresses, the flowers and the mood are all part of what makes Turnabout special. It's every girl's chance to be Cinderella for a night, and this year many HHS students took that chance.

◆ Amy Hanak

Monika Zakrzacki and Dave Wleklinski make a grand entrance to the Turnabout Dance, held again this year at St. George Serbian Hall in Merrillville.

Lower left, Barbie Miller makes a black and white swirl while dancing with her Turnabout date, Brian Beanblossom. With her shoes off, Barbie gets more in touch with the music and the beat pounding on the floor.

Sitting out a dance, Tony Lane and Jill Wolendowski, with Dave Modjeski and Brandy Younkers, still enjoy the dance.





Accentuate The Positive

Even in hard times good things are found



Freshman Susan Kulczyk accents the positive and eliminates the negative.

"I just got a 200 on my SATs."
"Well, now people won't expect so much of you."
"My girlfriend dumped me."
"You have more time to be with your friends."

Accentuate the positive. It's amazing how your attitude alone can change a bad situation into a happy one. Karen Vanderwall says, "Every bad situation has always had a solution and gotten better in time." Other people just accept what doesn't go right and try to go on. "When something bad happens, I just try to forget about it. What's done is done," says sophomore Alice Zakrzacki.

Is there something that's bothering you right now? Stop. Take time out to count your blessings. Do you have your health? Decent grades? People who care about you? A roof to live under? Be thankful. It's more than some people have. No matter how bad you think your story is, there's someone out there who has it even worse.

And besides, how much is this really going to matter ten years from now? Things that happen today will be such a far away memory that you won't even remember the name of that guy who dumped you yesterday.

So forget about that 63% in algebra. It's better than a 59%, right?

◆ Erin Ring

Eliminate The Negative

Send the clouds away; Let the sun shine



"Why should I bother? I won't be any good?" "I'll just embarrass myself." "I'm too fat."

"Everyone's better than I am."

Between birth and adolescence most self-esteem plummets greatly. A girl may be loud and friendly at age three, but shy at thirteen.

Why does this happen?

By the time children grow up to be teenagers, they become more aware of themselves and of people around them. They realize they're not as perfect as their parents say, but that's no reason to have low self-esteem.Teens simply realize they're members of the human race, and no one, not even their parents is perfect, either.

What to do? Try to eliminate negative thoughts. Do what mothers have been telling kids to do for years — when a bad thought comes in your head, try to think of something happy.

Do things you never thought you could do. Maybe you'll find yourself liking it. "When my brother asked me to start karate with him, I thought he was crazy. I ended up having fun," says sophomore Kary Fultman.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

Don't put yourself or others down. Eliminate the negatives!

◆ Erin Ring

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

Time For A REALITY Check!

Facing the world can be a difficult thing to do. Realizing that the country is in a recession or that your best friend made the basketball team while you didn't even make it past the first cuts can be tough to accept.

The truth is, when people think about life they emphasize the negative aspects and fail to remember the positive things that have happened.They are reality, too.

For instance, at first it seemed the boys basketball team would finish a mediocre season. Instead, they completed the year with a phenomonal victory over Lake Central to win Sectionals.

Also, after endless summers of unbearable heat and humidity, the school board has finally voted to install air conditioning throughout the newly renovated school. The completion of the renovation is something to look forward to also.

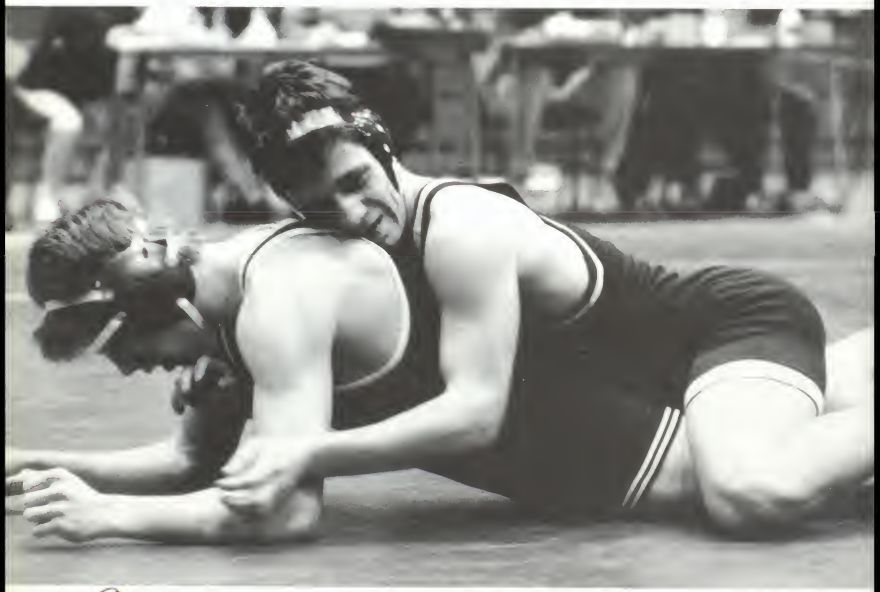
Other times, reality can mean getting away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and getting back to the basics. Sometimes, the constant duties and pressures of the modern world can mask what is really important to people. Sitting back to take a breather can give a whole new perspective on personal values and what is real.

Behind honest enough to admit what really is, and not what you would like things to be, also helps. We control our own reality.

Reality can mean whatever the individual perceives. However one may see reality, it is important to face its truth at some point in life, good or bad.

◆ Arin Betchen

Mark McCullough knows the stress of competition as he begins to work for a pin in the wrestling conference held at Highland.



That's Life!

The long and short of life are faced by Alicia Castillo-Flores and Corky Heath. Highland students can always handle differences.

Pressures from graduation to involve to friendships involve Brian Cebra, Brian Stephens, and Bryan Buksar.









That's Life!

Heidi Fenstermaker knows the stress of holding down a job at Arby's while trying to keep up with school work.

The stress of school work is very real to everyone. Pat Hoadley tries to concentrate on a big assignment for math.





Get A Job! Get A Job

In Recession — Work Matters More

There is a three letter word for hell, in the minds of some. For others that three letter word spells freedom, or some kind of passage into the adult world.

The three letter word? JOB!

Other than going to school and hanging out with friends, Highland students spend the majority of their time working at part-time jobs. From flipping burgers at McDonalds or Burger King to bussing tables at Alexander's or Rigby's, the restraunt business relys upon high school students for part time hours and reasonable pay.

If teens are lucky enough to have a means of transportation, there is a plethora of opportunities at either of the Southlake or Woodmar Malls. Many people engage in other odd jobs around town for friends and family members.

No one likes to, but working summer jobs are almost a part of life. This is especially true in this year of recession and financial hardship for many families. Senior Ray Velez shares his idea of a perfect summer job; "I would be a game counselor for Nintendo. That would be great."

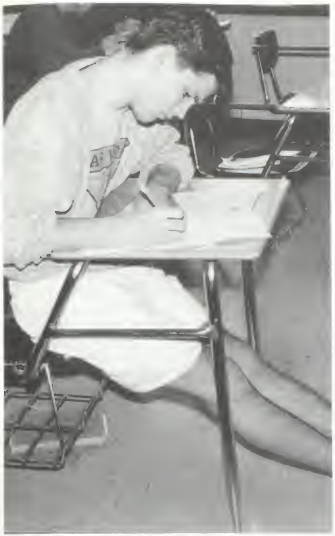
Junior Dave Bartlett says something in the sun is more up his alley. "I'd be a lifeguard and stay in the sun all summer ."

Day in and day out, year after year, there will always be a need to work. Some people just put in more time in it than others.

Beyond the hustle and bustle of the actual job, comes the skill and knowledge associated with working, and many kinds of work done in the teen years give ideas for careers later on.

Although many jobs are not ideal, they all offer the same motive: MONEY. They also make teens more responsible and able to deal with others in the adult world.

◆ **Avarie Wallner**



Stress
There Are Ways To Beat It

Stress. It is amazing that one, six letter word, can take so much precedence in our lives. Every day, every person, in any walk of life, is effected by stress.

Stress in schools is a growing problem in the nineties and Highland is no exception. Some students have the stress of grades. Academic excellence is a priority in almost everyone's life. Whether it's getting the grades to recieve a scholarship to get into college, or just to graduate from high school, grades matter and are a common source of stress.

For many students, there are added pressures. Extra curricular activities provide stress on top of grades. Many students have part time jobs. "The hardest thing is to find time for everything", says junior Dave Bartlett, "I'm always running late".

For athletes, grades are forced to be a priority. "Keeping my grades up is really important",states basketball player, Brandy Younkers.

People deal with stress in many different ways. Sophomore Mary Johnson takes a walk. "I need to be by myself, to sort things out".

Greg Blair says sports are his way out. "I go out and kick around a soccer ball".

Senior Ray Velez prefers to put his feelings down on paper.

Every person has something in his or her life he or she considers stressful. Junior Ed Klapak sums up stress best: "The best advice is to just take some time out for yourself. Step back , take a look at life, and smile ".

◆ Avarie Wallner



The loneliness of concentration readies Bryan Buksar for competition at the state swimming finals.

Concentration lines Tom Hayward's face as he shares the tension of a Theatre Company productions.

Like many Highland students, Avarie Wallner and Mike Deleget know how to spend time at an after-game dance.

Below, a "Beat Line" finds Brandy Younkers, Holly Oprea, Sarah Tanis, Katie Smith, and Arin Betchen in rare form at one of the dances early in the year.

Cheering on the great Calumet Sectional win against Lake Central, freshman Amber Kay joined Highland's delirious fans.









That's Life!

Senior Kelly Egan knows if it isn't Wendy's, it's BK, Subway, or some of the other fast food restaurants where friends can be found.

Christa Rumery, Michelle Banjura and Ray Velez make plans for the weekend while leaving school on Friday afternoon.



At Last! The Weekend!

Where to go? What to do?

Finally, it's Friday!

Somehow, everyone managed to make it through another week of school. One night and two full days of freedom await us until it is time to return to the buzzing corridors of Highland High.

The bell rings at 2:50 P.M. as the students rush out of class. There are exactly 65 hours and 25 minutes to fill. On your marks, get set, go!

It's Friday after school and people begin to make their plans for the evening. Some students decide to go to the game and/or dance, if there is one on that particular evening. Others choose to date. Many go to movies or sit around at a friend's house. When there's nothing better to do, teenagers hang out at popular places to eat such as Burger King, Subway, Langels, Jedi's, and Top Notch.

Saturday morning is an ideal time to catch up on some badly needed sleep. Grab a quick lunch and maybe go to a movie or the mall for a couple of hours. Then it's time tomake plans for the evening. If there's another one, the game is always an option. Otherwise teenagers may choose to attend parties, go to Chicago or stay in Highland. Again, hanging out at a restaurant is always an element of a good, basic weekend.

"Weekends here are boring. If you want to do something fun, you have to leave Highland," thinks sophomore Scott Shaginaw.

Saturday passes quickly and Sunday morning arrives. For some, it's another sleep-in day while for others it's time to wake up and go to church. In the afternoon, a lot of people relax or go shopping.

Then the clock reads about 10:30p.m. and guess what's? Yup! Homework! It's time to turn on your brain and to start thinking about school again.

Dreaded Monday morning is knocking at the door. Just think, though.

In just five short days, it will be time to do it all over again!

◆ Arin Betchen

THE WORLD IN '92

HEADLINE LIGHLIGHTS

U.S.S.R , trials, Olympics, movies make headlines

The 1990's continued this decade of changes with every day of the past year.

Most of America thought Judge Clarence Thomas would be sworn in as the United States second black Supreme Court Justice. Thoughts were changed, however, after a former law associate and college professor, Anita Hill, testified that Thomas had sexually harrassed her while she worked as his legal assistant.

The Senate Ethics Committee listened to both sides of the case before deciding the fate of Clarence Thomas. Three days later, Congress confirmed Thomas to the already conservative court. Four Democrats voted for confirmation, and one, Illinois' Alan Dixon, lost his spring primary for reelection to a woman and a black, Carol Moseley Braun of Chicago.

America continued to watch the rape trials of William Kennedy Smith and boxer Mike Tyson. Smith was found not guilty of rape in Palm Beach. Mike Tyson was found guilty on all three acounts of rape and abusive sexual conduct brought against him. He was sentened to six years in prison by an Indianapolis court.

In a trial closer to home, Cris Peterson , the alleged shot gun killer of Northwest Indiana,was found guilty of three murders. It took a jury 88 minutes and a lunch break at Subway to make the decision of execution for Peterson.

In a disgusting and best forgotten trial, serial killer Jefferey Dahmer was sentenced to 936 years in prison for his incredible string of barbarism and murder.

The past year also was active beyond our nation.

A failed coup attempt in the Soviet Union later helped the collapse of Communism in the country.

Iran's Saddam Hussein still plagued the lives of people around him as he held onto power. Hussein did not comply with the U.N. and so the U.S. moved battleships back into the gulf. The brink of war was once again upon us until Hussein agreed to U.N inspections of his nuclear arsenals.

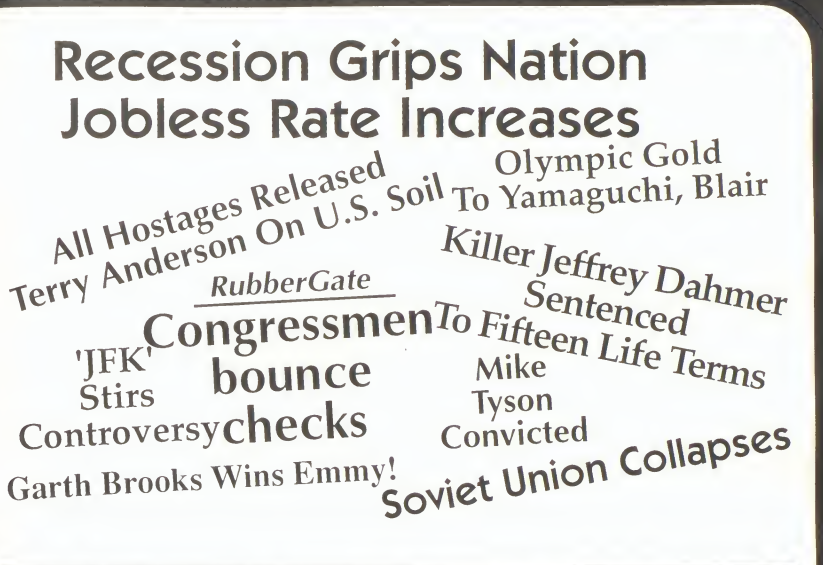
President Bush and America's top car executives traveled to Japan for a trade agreement. All they came back with was a so-called commitment to U.S. auto parts makers from Japan worth $10 billion. Bush also came back after the world watched him faint at a Tokyo dinner.

It was 50 years ago on December 7, 1991 that Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan. Some Americans still remember "the day that will live in infamy."

Freedom rang as hostage Terry Anderson was released by Islamic *Jihad* to a country of open

Arnold Schwarzenegger starred in one of the year's biggest hits, *Terminator II.*





HEADLINES RECORD INCREDIBLE NEWS YEAR

arms on December 4, 1991. Anderson was held for seven years, the longest of any hostages released this past year.

Some sad news from the world of sports was released by Earvin "Magic" Johnson. He had contracted the HIV virus which leads to AIDS . The country suddenly became aware of the fact that AIDS could effect even a person with the nickname "Magic". Johnson went on to become a chief spokesperson for AIDS research. The disease, however, did not stop Magic from scoring 27 points in the All Star game.

Baseball, for the time, had a new richest player in Ryne Sandberg. The all star, certain for the Hall of Fame second baseman received 7.1 million for each of the next four years of his contract.

Michael Jordan led the World Champion Chicago Bulls through yet another great season.

'This was one of the greatest news years of the planet'

Tom Brokaw

The Cinderalla story of all time took place in the 1991 World Series. The Braves and the Twins rose from the bottom of their division before the Twins won the World Series in the seventh game.

Led by Bonnie Blair,United States women skated their way to the gold in the 1992 Olympics.

Kristi Yamaguchi became the first American woman to win a gold medal since 1976 in figure skating.

Germany walked away with 26 medals with the United States capturing 11 medals.

From deeply troubling news stories to reports of heroism and personal achievement, '91-'92 proved to be an extremely memorable year — yet another year of change for the world whose future lies in the palms of our hands. Many agree, however, this will be a year with news to make the history books take note!

◆ Ed Klapak

THE WORLD IN '92

POLITICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Angry Voters Fuel Protest Ballots

Clinton, Tsongas grow

battle money, cynicism

Buchanan challenges

Bush policies, presidency

Soviet Union dies; Yeltsin rules

The Mood
The Realities

The people of the world showed over and over they are looking for a change in leadership.

On August 22, 1991 a group of Communist leaders tried to overthrow Soviet President Gorbachev and restore the Communist order that once dominated the U.S.S.R.

Gorbachev was held hostage in his own summer home *while the coup d' etat* was taking place in Moscow.The *coup* went on for almost three days. What was supposed to end in a communist victory, however, began the final disintegration of a 70 year Communist rule.

V.I. Lenin , leader of the Bolshevic Revolution in 1917, must have been rolling over in his grave.Lenin's disciples totally botched an operation that could have sent the Soviet Union back 70 years. The people of Russia , with Russian President Boris Yelstin, stood up for their man Gorbachev, and defied the *coup* plotters. The chance to take back what they once held most dear — the Soviet Union— was gone. The Communist party had been failing for some years , but instead of slowing the proccess ,this *coup* completely destroyed the party.

Six months after the *coup*, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev stepped down and Boris Yelstin took over.

Perestroika and *Glasnost* are no longer just words; they are the future of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Back home in the United States the people were also looking for a new leader.

President Bush's strong leadership in the gulf war made his re-election seem inevitable until the recession hit the voters of the U.S.

Paul Tsongas was the first to jump into the race for the Democrats. Hoping to overcome an earlier bout with cancer, the former Massachusetts senator won the New Hampshire primary. Tsongas later dropped out because of his lack of finance, though he still managed to keep getting votes through the later primaries.

Arkansas Govenor Bill



The White House — Original art by senior artist Kellen Maicher.

Buchanan challenges Bush; Clinton fights for voter belief



Clinton was the reported front runner throughout the primaries. Clinton's character was rocked when Gennifer Flowers appeared in a tabloid, accusing Clinton of infidelity . Later Clinton confessed he had smoked marijauna. Many then jumped on the anti-Clinton band wagon and almost completely destroyed his campaign. Clinton, however, went on to win many big states.

After Tsongas dropped out, Jerry Brown, former California Govoner, was the only person left to challenge Clinton. Brown was thought not to be a problem for Clinton, but he managed to win a few states in March. Brown, although not thought to be electable appealed to America as a "For the People " politician. By the New York primary in early April, however, his message and thirteen per cent flat tax rate were being rejected by voters.

The only challenge to President George Bush on the Republican side was columnist Pat Buchanan . 'America first" was Buchanan's campaign for the voters. He recieved a shocking 37% of the vote in New Hampshire over a bewildered George Bush.

Both parties had the same problem — a candidate like Brown and Buchanan who supposingly were just ruining Clinton and Bush's chances in November.

The votes for Buchanan and

Candidate Bill Clinton from Arkansas fought for the Democratic nomination.

WORLD AFFAIRS, '92 ELECTION SHOW UNREST

Brown proved the "vote the bums out" scenario running over the country.

Carol Mosley Braun stunned incumbent Senator Alan Dixon of Illinois and candidate Al Hofeld, in a senatorial upset. Dixon ended up being a part of the "vote the bums out ", thanks partially to a $6 million campaign run by Hofeld. Braun sat back and then won on election day. Braun is what Martin Luther King Jr. and feminists have been talking about for years. She epitomizes the desperately needed changes in American politics. .

It was the attitude of change which predominated in all elections during the spring of '92. The mood of the country seemed to be against anyone who was in office, from the Town Board to the Congress and the presidency.

While Bill Clinton faced the summer Democratic convention still unsure he would win the presidential nomination, Jerry Brown plugged away at the need for drastic change in the nation's way of governing.

Many feel America needs a leader who will epitomize the sign hanging in teacher Mr. Mel Anderson's room,"It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice."

Even if one is not running for public office, a kind, caring word can accentuate the attitude needed to move to a greater level of humanity for all.

◆ Ed Klapak



President George Bush ran against his own record, promising to change things.

A New School Look

Classes set to move as work begins on renovation project

After thirty-five years of service to Highland students, Highland High School will never be the same.

At the end of this school year students and staff members took one last walk through the junior/senior high school complex, then waited for renovation.

With a budget of $29,300,000, renovation work actually started April 1. Then the "new gym" was closed to classes and fourteen temporary classrooms were built there. This is to house various classes during the next two years.

First to move will be science and foreign language classes. Their rooms in the junior high building will be renovated first, with the bulk of the senior high building closed from classes after the winter vacation. Students will travel to various temporary classrooms, and Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright promises safety and educational experience will remain the chief aims of the renovation.

Coming to Highland to serve as Conscturction Director is Dr. Kosmas Kayes. He is assited by Mr. Fritz Wesemeyer .

Highlights of the renovation will be air conditioning throughout both buildings, a new ceramic tile swimming pool, and a new media center.



Leading the Holding Corporation which worked on the financing of the renovation is Jon DeGulio, Highland resident and Lake County Prosecutor.



A first step in actual work was the surveying of land for the power plant to be built behind the high school, and the area of the new swimming pool.

Dr. Kosmas Kayes leads the Highland renovation work, assisted by Mr. Fritz Wesemeyer of Odle Shook & McGuire. Below, Dr. Cartwright and Mr. Jelliffe meet with prospective contractors about the project.

Below, Middle. Dr. Kosmas Kayes serves as Construction Services Manager of the renovation, overseeing educational impact.









Dr. Dennis Shawver, Nancy Smith, and James Jelliffe meet with teachers for their input before renovation plans are completed.

Dr. Philip Cartwright and Mr. Jelliffe of Odle Shook & McGuire meet with prospective contractors in the school library.









No Time to Talk

Involvement in extra activities as well as academic work isn't easy!

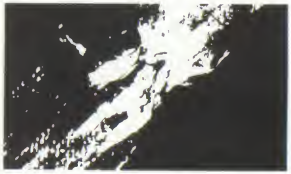


o time to talk, gotta' run!'

These words have been said in passing many times. Extra-curricular activities can add a lot to students' lives. Being involved can be beneficial not only from the responsibility viewpoint, but also socially. It's a chance to get to know the people in school on a different level. Since extra activities do cut down on free time, it takes dedicated individuals with their own inner drive to make programs work.

Getting involved in clubs is worthwhile, but academic success, the main objective of school, must always be kept in mind. Although extra-curricular activities can add alot to the high school experience, they can also take time away from studies. The key is moderation and priorities!

It takes just a few dedicated people to organize the activities and many others' participation to make them happen. Making it happen is what it's all about. All it takes is work and time. Meeting so many people , being involved in so many activities, when the time is finally found to chat with friends, it's easy to start talking a blue streak!



Joe Repking, Nadia Boutros, and Tazio Fenoglio carefully measure out sulfur in a chem experiment. Brenda Oostman shows her unique style even in class.



National Honor Society

NHS leads school to year's success

"Honor Society did a lot of good activities this year. It began with the carwash, carried through to the annual Thanksgiving food drive, and tutored every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday." said President Sylvia Galic.

To establish candidacy for National Honor Society it takes an academic average of at least a B+. All members must also be involved in at least three activities. Next year that qualification will be raised to 5.





Key Club Officers

Row 1: VP Michelle Castillo, President Ilke Lomoncu. Row 2: Secretary Jen Shea, Treasurer Monika Zakrzacki.

National Honor Society Officers

Row 1: Tina Zimmerman, President Sylvia Galic, Patti Olsen. Row 2: VP Amy Ferko, Mrs. Musselman.

Key Club

Kiwanis and Key Club work together to support community



With the years, Key Club has grown in number and popularity. A couple of years ago , one might have asked if Key club was a group for locksmiths. Yet many community minded students in the school have been aware of the activities Key Club has participated in. The agenda has always been busy, and this year was no exception.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Joan Ray, the four officers organized service projects for communites in need of them. Juniors Ilke Limoncu and Michelle Castillo were president and vice president. Seniors Monika Zakrzacki and Jennifer Shea were secretary and treasurer for this school year.

The club parcipitated in many activites. Among them was the delivering of pumpkins to the children's wings of local hospitals. Key Club also donated bags of candy to the Trade Winds facility in the spirit of Halloween.

Members and officers dressed in costumes and conversed with the patients. Kim Kallen, a Key Club member, commented on the day at Trade Winds as , "One of the best experiences I've ever had, I loved those kids".

Key Club also sponored a dance during basketball season. In the month of April, the Key Club sponsored and participated in a Bike-A-Thon' to raise money for Riley Childrens Hospital. Enviromental activities were also proposed and will be high on next year's list of priorities.

Highlands traditional "Pumpkin Plod" race was given a helping hand as members distributed water and kept score for the runners. The clubs most original idea involved an exchange of letters between third and fifth grade Southridge students and Key Club members. President Ilke Limoncu states , "The letter exchange made those kids happy and feel important, it also made me remember what it was like to be a kid."

Senior Key Club secretary Jen Shea said,"Key club was a great experience for me. It gave me a chance to give something back into the community for everything I've learned."

◆ Ilke Lomoncu





Quill & Scroll Officers

Row 1: Sgt. Ed Klapak, President Lisa Hepburn, Vice President Jen Jarmula, Sec. Mark Sharp. Row 2: Erin Ring, Meena Ahmadzai, Treas. Margie Grimmer.

This year's journalism class holds many of next year's Link, Shield, and Mirage staff members. The journalism class has an opportunity to work on any Highland publication to see if they will become more involved in the years to come.

Laura Strickhorn looks open to pretty much anything at the 1992 Snowball held at Highland.

Cindy Banas participated in the No-Talent-Talent-Show and Staff Members performed the play *Celebration of Life*.







Clubs

Snowflake

Six Highland students lead State Snowball Convention at Highland

What began as a couple of kids trying to get their point across about the dangers of drugs and alcohol has really "snowballed" into something big.

The first snowflake program in Highland was held the winter of 1988. Only 50 people attended that weekend. This year State snowball took place at Highland this year, April 10 13, 1992.

Over 200 participants spent four days in Highland's junior high school for the State Snowball Retreat which took place on April 10-13.

Staff members were chosen from the states of Indiana and Illinois. Out of the 40 teen staff members, six were chosen from Highland High School.

Snowflake and Snowball have become a very large part of the Highland community. It is part of the larger scene throughout the country which tries to help young people develop enough self-esteem to learn to put drugs, drinking, and other addictions aside to push their lives forward into more prosperous paths.

Through the years, many Highland students have participated in the Snowball and Snowflake programs, and they have not only learned to help themselves, but to help others as well.

◆ Jessica Stern

Natural Helpers

Students learn to help others by learning more about themselves

The second weekend of March was memorable at Highland High.

The varsity basketball team played in the regional game at E.C. on Saturday, and the pre-game festivities on Friday included the pep rally and dance. Excitement was in the air. But for a selected number of students, the weekend was more than exciting, it was a very special experience.

All bundled up in winter coats and gloves, they were off to Camp Tecumpseh in Brookston, IN for the Natural Helper weekend. There all students participated in activities aimed at getting to know yourself, as well as others better. Not much can be said about the weekend because each semester the curriculum is the same, but the chemistry of those involved makes each retreat a unique experience. Junior Kim Elliott said, "It was so hard coming back to friends and not being able to share my experiences with them." No one wants to ruin the surprise for others that go in future times.

Students are selected for this special retreat from the guidance department survey handed out at the beginning of each semester. Everyone names the top three people they would go to if they had a problem. Then the students with the most votes are asked to attend this training weekend to learn more about what they already do naturally.

Sophomore January Halls says, "I made so many friends and I can honestly say it changed me." One of the best things on the weekend is making new friends and getting to know so many different people in a different atmosphere than school. Sophomore Amy Hanak said, "It's so great how eveyone opens up to each other and you realize you have so many things in common with someone you've never even talked to before."

Natural Helpers will tell anyone chosen to go on this retreat, to definitely do it. Melissa Radzinski said, "I wouldn't trade this weekend for anything."

The Natural Helper program is a great experience. Any Natural Helper will tell you so.

◆ Mandy Norris





Scott, Dave, Sean, Mike, and Don were a few of the Natural Helper guys on the weekend .



Erin Golasich smiles trustingly as she is lead in the Blind Faith Trust Walk. Partners take turns on a blindfolded nature walk to instill trust in each other.

Mandy Norris is lead by Mike Jaisitis on the Blind Faith Trust Walk. Brave girl!!!!

Red Ribbon

The Choice For Me — Drug Free! remains the pledge of students



Because Highland students intend to stay in the caring mode, various programs continue to flourish at HHS.

Uppermost in the drive to keep students aware of the dangers of drinking and drugs is Red Ribbon Week, held in conjunction not only with Northwest Indiana schools and government officials, but nationally as well.

In his senior year, once again Phil Cartwright helped lead local Red Ribbon activities. A student member of the Northwest Indiana Partners for Prevention board, Phil was active in the area-wide kick-off campaign as well as in HHS as well.

Margeret Veslocki was another Red Ribbon mainstay, helping coordinate activities and pledge card distribution throughout the school.

In addition to Red Ribbon Week, Guidance Coordinator Mrs. Corally McCann helped promote many special help groups. These ranged from dealing with death and separation to continuing recovery from the recent flood.

English Coordinator Mr. Bill Martin also sponsored a seminar for school leaders. Various faculty members spoke to the group on leadership skills, time management, and self-direction.

'No matter what others say, many HHS students have gotten the message about drinking and drugs.'

Highland students continue to grow and care through various group and individual efforts.

Senior Phil Cartwright led the Highland Red Ribbon effort, and was on the board of the Northwest Indiana's effort as well.

Margaret Veslocki, Phil Cartwright and Adrianne Lona of the Junior High spoke to the School Board about Red Ribbon Week.





Freshman Heather Skertich enjoys a leadership activity in a session in the school library.



Below, Ms. Debra Pullins and Mr. Bill Martin work at the in-school leadership seminar. Students attending the Leadership Seminar share a fun but meaningful activity.

The Choice For Me

◆

Drug Free





Student Council

Student Council acts as voice of student body



February 21st was definitely not an average Friday night at Highland. The boys basketball team was hosting their final home game against Merriville; "Why bump off Barnaby?" was being answered in the auditorium. Yet, among all the cheering and the standing ovations, the smell of arregano was in the air.

Yes, while Sr Mike Rybicki was hooping threes, and Michelle Tucker was singing her heart out, Student Council was serving spaghetti at the annual Spaghetti Dinner. Three things to do in one night -imagine that!

Student Council found success not only in noodles, but in other traditional activities as well. Once again the council encouraged students to hula at the "Hawaiin Paradise" dance for homecoming. "Retrospectively, one can always find something that was wrong, but in regards to homecoming, besides the rain, I wouldn't have it any other way." President Tom Frankiewicz states.

The annual blood drive also turned out to be another fruitful event by giving students, staff, andthecommunity a chance to " have a heart and do their part" by donating blood. Chairperson of the blood drive Senior Patti Olsen said," I was impressed on how much our school pulled together and how interested everyone was in helping."

A toy drive was also sponsered by the council to give the less fortunate kids of Highland a little more Christmas Cheer.

◆ **Julie Gray**



Liz Ecsy looks bright eyed at Student Leadership Institute as she prepares to sing .



Bakker Produce came through for the council with many projects as well as the Homecoming Float.



At the banquet Sean McCarthy seems happy to hand his position to this year's worthy successor, Tom Frankiewjcz.

At SLI VP Lisa Hepburn and President Tom Frankiewicz learned to run an active council and made new friends.









Spaghetti Dinner

Annual dinner procedes go to Katherine Kuna Fund

Council once again sponsored a spaghetti dinner. All of this was done so that people could enjoy a good meal and so that a little girl could smile. This special little girl is Katherine Kuna. The procedes from the dinner went to her family to help with the cost of her liver transplant. V P Lisa Hepburn said, "She reached out for help and captured the heart of the community."

Miss Pullins said, "Council activities focused on public services projects more than ever. I am proud of the officers and members who helped direct these activies."

◆ **Jessica Stern**

Katherine wasn't happy in a group of strangers, but looks happier held by familiar hands.

School Leaders

◆ A football team leader and featured artist of this issue is senior Kellen Maicher. Kellen's major art work is on pages 4-5.

◆ Leading the school are Student Council officers Lori Roe, president Tom Frankiewicz, Lisa Hepburn, Julie Gray, Mark Nackman and Janice Black.





Co-Curricular

They Make Things Happen

School leaders help make decisions; set tone for student body, staff

As with any group, there are many different types of people who make up Highland High School. One thing for certain, however, is the fact that leaders are the ones who make most of the difference.

School leaders can be found not only in the clubs, teams, and organizations. They are also present in every class period, and even on the benches and in the halls. What they say and do affects how others think and act, and they are often the ones who take the lead not only in action, but in attitude.

From the Student Council officers and the heads of clubs and organizations to Dr. Ventling, school administrators and even the Highland School Board, there are those who make decisions and who make sure all the various aspects of any function keep rolling.

Each class alsohas its officers, chosen by the members of that class for the beginning of each school year. While some class officers do not have to do much, junior and senior class officers are very instrumental in determining prom, graduation, and the future of alumni reunions.

From those chosen for various seminars like Boys and Girls State to award winners, editors, and organization presidents, there are always those who will take the initiative to start a ball rolling. They will be around after school making sure things get done, and they will be the ones others look to for leadership and advice.

Highland has more than its share of leaders. Without them the quality and excellence in action would not be at the rate it is. They deserve the praise they receive.



◆ Guidance Coordinator Mrs. Corally McCann and Secretary/Registrar Mrs. Rose Ceperich are in charge of many school items.

◆ Juniors chosen to Boys State are: Ed Klapak, Mike Jasaitis, Kyle Kaczmarek, Tom Summers, and Chris Hines.







◆ Sophomore class leaders are Dawn Herman, January Halls, Karen Gaskey, Mr. Adam Baez, Amy Finn, Ed Negetovich, and Linda Montalvo. Not pictured: J. Bognar.

◆ As Principal, Dr. Renner Ventling knows how to share time with family, too. He enjoys the tailgate party with daughter Amber.







A lot of hard work and a dedication to the quality of our performance paid off. This was an excellent year for the band program and for individual musicians as well.



Above, band stars Lori Poppolewell and Brenda Oostman led the disciplined group through a variety of competitions.

Above, members of the band show their spirit as they root for the Trojan football team during a home game.

1991-92
MARCHING TROJAN "PRIDE"
from Highland, Indiana







State ISSMA band students: Row 1: J. Olshesky, G. Maloney, J. Bailey, B. Oostman. Row 2: G. Jamrock, S. Wistler, M.Peterson, A. Garmon, M. Lovas, and J. DeVries.

All-State musician Jim Bailey sits at his drums, waiting for the downbeat and a practice session to start.

Performing in a half-time show, individual members of the band show the discipline which contributed to their success all season in Midwestern musical competition





They Make The Beat Go On

Co-Curricular

Band program racks up honors in stiff competition

With every new season the Highland band program continues to improve.

According to Mr. Steve Scherer, Band Director, this year's band made up in quality what it lacked in size. In a number of competitions throughout the fall months, the marching band continued to rack up impressive honors for its musicality as well as its presentation.

Working with all aspects of the band, an impressive half-time show was rated one of the best in the state.

In addition to the Marching Trojan Pride, band members also comprise a concert band and a pep band which plays at all home basketball games. This band also had the pleasure of performing at the pep rally which sent the Highland Trojan Sectional Champion team into battle against East Chicago Central in regional action.

Whether performing at the Christmas Concert in December or practicing in the heat of an August afternoon, the Highland band proves there is still dedication and a desire to keep quality band and musical performance alive and well in Northwest Indiana. They are well appreciated by the school and Highland town residents for their continuous quality in performance.

Carissa Troppman stands at the ready with her xylophone during the beginning of a halftime show at an early season game.

Denise Barton and Jon Slager practice for a spring concert.

James Desler listens closely for his cue to begin.

- Joe and Chris finally played a note.
- Ms. Shaffer tried all year to enforce Saturday School - to no avail.
- John Slager still hasn't learned his lesson about chewing gum.





Co-Curricular

Orchestra

Stringing along to a new and improved song



The high school orchestra was in tune this year thanks to Karen Schaffer, the director, and the 24 members of the ensemble.

The orchestra put on spring, winter, and open house concerts. I.S.S.M.A. is a competition giving students a chance to play for judges and are awarded honors for their play.

Some students did not confine their playing to school-related events. Sixteen also played with the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony. The symphony held auditions and involved three counties.

Ms. Karen Schaffer had many hopes. "My main goal is to have my students able to play at a semi, if not professional level by the time they graduate." She also hopes her students' music will help with college scholarships.

Valerie Troppman says, "I play because I have an interest in music and I want to progress in my playing ability."

In Ryan Summers' words, "It's been a 'banner' year for the orchestra. We have done well at contests and concerts with special efforts from each member, the director, and the 'black crow'."

◆ Karen Vander Wall

Carissa Troppman, Jen Granger, Alison Peach, Ryan Summers, and Katie Siebold won ISSMA.

Miss Schaffer has brought new ideas to orchesta by accentuating the program's practical side.





The horseshoe shape of Miss True's room displays a comfortable atmosphere.

Jason Trata dedicates much time to practice his cello. As a freshman he has time to prepare.



Liberty Bowl

Co-Curricular

Winter trip to Memphis highlights year

On the first day of school, choir director Craig Deets proposed the idea of singing during halftime at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee.

The idea of the trip went over well. It was just a matter of raising enough money to go!

This began choir's biggest challenge ever. Thousands of candy bars, boxes of chocolate, and video books were sold until the day of the trip.

Thirty-six choir members, and four courageous chaperones left Highland on a huge charter bus at 7:30 a.m. on December 26, 1991. This began a nine hour bus adventure.

The group arrived in Memphis at 4:30p.m. They took a fun filled trip to the mall. Mr. Deets taught everyone how to fall correctly in the mall's ice skating rink.

From then on, the group went through a great deal of long rehearsals with over 500 choir students from across the country. Between rehearsals the group saw Graceland, a professional rodeo, and a "semi formal" dinner-dance. They also had many stops at McDonalds for a quick meal!

When December 29, the day of the game, finally arrived all of the 1,000 students from various choirs and bands met at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. Following three hours of intense rehearsals with Grammy Award winner Sandi Patti, everyone met together for a boxed dinner and then took their seats at the game.

"Half time was incredible," commented senior Liz Ecsy. "It was worth the whole trip. After the game the group went back to the hotel and 'slept'. "

The group left early the next morning with many fond memories as well as a few new friends.

◆ Jessica Stern







This year Elizabeth Ecxy, Mike Deleget, Despina Amanatidis, and Jennie Poe were chosen to be in the All State Honors Choir.

Danielle Francouer poses as a cowboy with Kim Easto as they ' horse' around after the rodeo.

Mr. Deets receives an award for teaching excellence from the Highland Board of School Trustees.



One of the highlights of the trip was spending the day at Graceland with the Air Force football team. Below: A quick shot just before the game.

With only three days left before the spring concert, the choir rehearsed diligently to put on their best show.







Choir students who made ISSMA State

Row 1: Brooke La Borde, Kelly Egan, Despina Amanatidis, Tracy Bazarko, Melissa Lockrey, Elizabeth Ecsy, Jill Gatlin, Tina Condes, Kim Easto. Row 2: Lewis Reinholt, Joy Fledderjohn, and Pat Hoadley.

Choir

It takes more than just a pretty voice!

This year, as always, the Choral Department had two choirs. There was a girls' and a varsity choir. Throughout the year, both choirs came together for a variety of activities.

Both choirs had the honor of performing with the National Choir of Israel. Highland hosted this year's ISSMA competition. All participants in this year's competition took a first place rating at the state level of competition.

The varsity choir sang on a float during the Christmas parade and sang for two hours at Main Square while Santa Claus entertained children on his lap. Later in the year the varsity choir was invited to kick off the sectional basketball games with the National Anthem.

In addition to all of this, Liz Ecsy, Mike Deleget, Despina Amandatidis, and Jennie Poe were chosen to be in the All State Honors Choir. Both choirs were led by Mr. Craig Deets. They all look forward to next year.

◆ Jessica Stern

Highland Theatre Company

Clubs

The spotlight shines bright on HTC



Above: Lori Popplewell puts her make-up on backstage. Below: Row 1: L.Popplewell, J.Sterm, A.Panachui, M.Simpson. b Row 2: T.Hayward, D.Sellis, K.Easto, C.Linder, T.Lewis, M.Miller, M. Tucker, D.Fanning, B.Miller, C.Banas, D.Amandatitis, S. Courtwright, K.Tanis. Row3: A.McFarland, J.Barrett, L. Abraham, Laura, J.Hays, M.Hughes, M.Lockrey ,J.McFarland, M.McMannis, L.Kocon, L.Eesy, K.Haake, R.Cook. Row4: B.Hayward ,C.DeVries, J.Brown, M.Panacucci, R.Nortman, S.Hull, J.Butler. Row5: P.Hoadley, A.Evilsicer, M.Beko, S.Pontau, J.Doerr, J.Kaminski, D.Kalrn, D.Blair, L.Reinholt, B.Sankowski, T.Latko, M. Wilson.

Curtains open and lights shine. Producer Larry Brechner has important things on his mind.

Highland Theatre Company decided to take a meaner, leaner approach toward the fall musical.

HTC will also bring in parents and Highland alumni for production work and advertisement. Production Manager Jake McFarland said,"By tapping this resource, and bringing in their expertise, HTC will be further enhanced in quality."

As part of a new program, HTC will be home to two college students from Purdue University. They spend their time shadowing executive positions while receiving college credits for their time and experience. Former Highland alumna, Theresa Karin stated, "The new programs HTC started will have a positive effect on Highland as a whole."

◆ Michelle Tucker





Row1: A. Panacucci, J. Stern, M. Simpson. Row2: M. Hughes, L. Popplewell, M. Tucker, D. Fanning, Row3: D. Amandatidis, M. Miller, B. Miller, C. Banas, Row4: C. DeVries, D. Selis, K. Easto, L. Abraham, T. Hayward, S. Pontau, B. Hayward, P. Lindner, K. Gaskey, J. McFarland, B. Sankowski, M. McManis, R. Nortman, L. Ecsy, T. Latko, L. Kocon, T. Butler. Row 5: M. Beko, T. Doerr, D. Karin, T. Lewis, L. Reinholt, J. Kaminski.









Highland Theatre Company Officers are Vice President Michelle Tucker, President Dawn Fanning, and Vice President Barbie Miller.

Brian Bergner tries to write the name of the killer, but the knife in his back made it difficult. Bob Hayward and Mark McManus take a break after painting sets.

Erin Galosich talks with Lori Popplewell and Jessica Stern in secnes from "Barnaby".

Brian Sankowski explains one of the things Michelle Tucker doesn't understand.















Who Dunnit?

Clubs



HTC produces another winning winter play

Who Dunnit??

The answer . . . Highland Theatre Company!

"But Why Bump Off Barnaby" was performed, directed, and built by students themselves. The directors were Dawn Fanning, Elizabeth Eczy, and Alicia Panacucci.

The 11 member cast consisted of such characters as Dora Dunstock, portrayed by Michelle Tucker and her police reporter fiancee Jeff Barnett (Brian Sankowski).

There were other characters like Great Aunt Barbara (Jessica Stern) and Barnsy (Erin Galosich). Orion was played by Jake McFarland, who was constantly hung on by Rosalind (Lori Popplewell).

Cleo, the famous movie star was portrayed by Melissa Lockery and Cindy Banas. The eevil maid and bulter, (Mary Simpson and Randy Nortman).

Now all of these ten people in the cast had to find out who "bumped off" Barnaby, portrayed by Brian Bergner.

◆ **Michelle Tucker**

Brian Bergner tries uncovering the murderer before dying. Randy Nortman has an alibi.

Above, Mary Simpson is accused as Melissa Lockery keeps cool-headed throughout the show.

Jake McFarland comes to a puzzling conclusion near the end of this year's winter play.

Clubs

Auditorium Staff

Aud members serve school, community groups as well

All work and no play? Actually it's vice-versa in the Auditorium!

Aud Staff has their share of both work and fun. Being a huge part of Theatre Company, everyone works together as one big happy family.

Work isn't just the plays and musicals. Throughout the year the auditorium is rented out for many different reasons from band concerts to various dance recitals that last through the summer.

For some of these jobs, the executives get paid for their work. Everyone starts at an apprentice level no matter what year they join. After learning the ropes, it is possible to move up to production manager or technical director. There are several fields to move into like the Evil Techies who are in charge of lighting, stage, and sound. The final option is working House.

This may sound like all work and no play, but don't be fooled by this article. Tom Hayward says,"It's a great place to learn responsibility and also have a great time."

◆ Michelle Tucker



Tom Hayward checks to make sure the spot light is just right before the begining of the concert. The stage crew prepares for another night of lifting , pulling, and fun.





The Auditorium Executives are: M. Tucker, D. Fanning, T. Hayward, M. Miller, B. Miller, D. Sellis, J. McFarland.

Alicia Panacucci looks down from the walks in the auditorium. Jake McFarland works behind stage even when he should be on it.







Bob Hayward and Dean Sellis discuss which gel to use for the lighting of the play,"But Why Bump Off Barnaby?".



(Row 1) M. Simpson, M. Huges, M. Miller, T. Hayward, D. Sellis, J. McFarland, B. Miller, D. Fanning, M. Tucker (Row 2) J. Stern, A. Panacucci, K. Easto, L. Barrones, B. Hayward, T. Lewis, L. Popplewell, J. Brown, M. McManus, E. Ecsy, C. Banas, K. Haake, S. Courtright, R. Cook (Row 3) J. Barrett, L. Abraham, S. Pontow, J. Hays, C. Lidner, J. Fluddenjohn, M. Panacucci, K. Gasky, R. Nortman, S. Hull, J. Butler, C. Tanis (Row 4) J. Doerr, A. McFarland, J. Kaminiski, D. Karin, D. Blair, L. Reingholt, B. Sankowski, T. Latko, M. Wilson, D. Strange, C. Warner.

Speech & Debate
Business Professionals of America

Highland floods Indy with state competitors

Co-Curricular

State competiton is about all Speech & Debate and Business Professionals of America have in common.

Peter Sedrak won a medallion for placing in the upper 10% in the State Busines Math Competition. Angie Garmon took a sixth place rating in Indy. When not preparing for state competition, BPA was busy preparing for their Friday morning donut sales, which were extremely successful.

Although Speech & Debate only had 8 members, 5 were sent down state. Mr. Martin was the head coach and Mr. Lemon coached speech with Ms. Larsen assisting.

Mark Nackman and Ryan Summers competed in the Senate, Jonathon Slager competed in the House, and Mike Kulak and Scott Palmer competed in individual events.

They didn't stop at Indianapolis. Scott qualified to go to Fargo, North Dakota for the National Championship tournament. Scott Palmer qualified in Dramatic Interpretation and and Mark Nackman is First Alternate in Congress.

> *"Northwest Indiana is one of the most difficult districts for state."*
> Bill Martin
> Speech & Debate Coach

Mike Kulak also placed well with a sixth in U.S. Extemporaneous.

These two clubs may not be big, but there's no doubt they're powerful.

Speech & Debate Row 1: K. Trembicki, K. Hester, A. Pierzchala. Row 2: J. Slager, R. Summers, M. Nackman, M. Kulak. Row 3: R. Lemon, B. Larsen, B. Martin.

Business Professionals of America Row 1: B. Zalewski, S. Wiist, S. Damianak. Row 2: S. Bondra, D. Jacusis, B. Lovin.







President Mark Nackman, Vice President Mike Kulak, and sponsors Mr. Lemon and Mr. Martin discuss strategy techniques before a meet.

Mr. Martin gives junior Jon Slager some last minute pointers before his Improv at Chesterton.





Building Trades

Building into the Future

It happens every year.

A few daring guys take on the task of building a house. With the help of Mr. Duane Sieb, six hours a day went to build a new home.

Ms. Larsen's Interior Design class helps with the finishing touches. Then the house is auctioned off and turned into a home by the highest bidder.

Senior Larry Scott now owns last year's trades house and said," There's no difference between these houses and ones built by professional contractors."



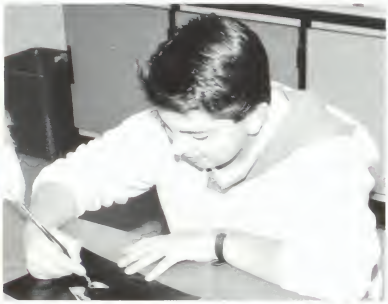
Building Trades Row 1: C. Bargoz, M. Dorsey, D. McNeiley, M. Banhart, J. Kowalski, D, Sieb, J. Jones, D. Ploof. Row 2: D. Banasiak, J. May, L. Turbin, C. Pluta, K. Burleson, S. Marshall.



Teacher Mrs. Sally Fitch oversees the work of many talented students. She also assists them with competitions and scholarships.

Working on detail gives every art student a chance to learn the discipline that goes with the creative side of all art.





- 42,000 sheets of paper were used this year
- Teachers are artists





Senior George Buck gives his total attention to an art project. He was also a B.U.G. winner this year.

Top: Students work together, yet each individually as their projects come together.

ART

Visiting artist teaches skill; students respond with talent

This year the Art Department begam with a newness and an ending. All art teachers used the new curriculum which was the work of many months. This involved many innovative art projects which teachers had made from years of experience.

On another note, this marked the last year of teaching for Ms. Marge Bluhm. She retired from her position of Art Coordinator after many years of art and teaching achievements in the Highland school system.

This year also saw Deleta Siurek teach at Highland's art department. A 1968 graduate of HHS, she was the Highland Rotary Arts In Education Visiting Artist. Mrs. Siurek has been a visual communications designer.

Members of the Art Honor Society also honored Mrs. Bluhm on her retirement. They were also involved in an art print sale during February. This helped raise money.

Both Mrs. Fitch and Mr. Dowdy are also real artists as well as art teachers. They teach from experience as well as education.

Does art matter? Absolutely!





Art teacher Mr. Ken Dowdy is always helpful with his students as they work in his class.

Sherri Linden stops to consider her next move before she proceeds with her project.



Media Fair

Prize winning videos come from Highland halls

Co-Curricular

Those people that are always seen falling down stairs or enacting scenarios in the halls aren't crazy, they're part of Media Fair.

The group is sponsored by Mrs. Joyce Petrin and Mr. Alan Swenson. With their help, students complete a number of major activities as well as compete with their technical skills.

Media Fair is in charge of putting together the video yearbook. They began putting together activities on tape at the beginning of the year, and continued all a year long.

Mike Beko, Mindy Miller, and Cathy Neilson won Best in Video Production.

Cathy Neilson also took a first in Video, along with Mike Beko and Mindy Miller. George Gordon, Jason Hassell and Brian Koss took a second in Video.

Brian Stephens and Mark Sharp took Best in Audio, while Ray Velez took a second in Audio. Mike Beko, Mindy Miller, and Cathy Neilson also took a Best in Multi-Media.

The audio presentation I put together was enjoyable to do. People seemed to enjoy it too.
Ray Velez

Joe Repking is the camera man for his fellow class mates. Joe and his friends also shoot outside of school for fun.



Mr. Swenson and Mrs. Erhart are in charge of the Audio-Visual Department.

Phil Gray prepares the equipment to shoot the Spring Musical *The Sound of Music.*









Media Fair

Row 1: K. Berrea, K. Underwood, R. Bargay, E. Crosby, J. Katopodis, M. Smith, A. Lasota. Row 2: J. Petrin, J. Hassell, P. Gray, M. Beko, M. Miller, M. Sharp, B. Stephens, B. Koss, C. Neilson, A. Swenson.

Art Honor Society

Row 1: M. Isa, J. Neilson, S. Pontow, M. Hughes, D. DeGand. Row 2: Ms. Bluhm, S. Stasney, L. Napowalki, B. Buksar, A. Wallner, T. Hayward, K. Gaskey.

Future Homemakers

Row 1: B. Larsen, O. Cantiago, K. Zalewski, M. Norris, L. Montalvo, J. Halls, J. Butler. Row 2: M. Banjura, C. Rumery, M. Grau, S. Stasny, C. Raudonis, L. Escobedo, J. Ferrell.

Home Economics

Classes



Those who bake the cake are the ones to take the cake

Highland's Home Economics Department isn't just cooking any more, and it isn't just for girls.

Senior Larry Scott said, "I took Foods because it's fun. If girls can take Tech, guys can take Home Ec!"

Mrs. Damasius and Ms. Larsen teach a diversity of classes. Besides Foods and Sewing, Ms. Larsen teaches Interior Design. Mrs. Damasius teaches coping after school with Family and Interpersonal Relations, and Child Development.

"With boys in these classes there's an added extra angle to the class that was rare in previous years. Especially in Interpersonal Relations, it's nice to get both points of view." Mrs. Damasius said of having guys in her classes.

Child Development is always interesting. The chemistry of the class changes with the different students. Everyone gets the chance to raise his or her own egg baby. Babysitting fees are not included. For a few weeks they do the babysitting with parents bringing their "kids" in for the in-school daycare center.

Ms. Brenda Larsen believes, "The students in Home Economics are not as much Future Homemakers of America as they are Future Leaders of Tomorrow!"

◆ Michelle Banjura

Ryan Cook, Larry Scott, Mike Rybicki Shawn Parlor and Jason Miller enjoy Ms. Brenda Larsen's cooking class.

- ◆ 100,000 calories were consumed by food made in cooking class this year
- ◆ 47 egg babies were born and cared for by High land High students this year



Mandy Butcher and Kari Fultman use a good spoonful of baking soda in their work.



Mandy Butcher, Kari Fultman, Monica Jarvis, and Mandy Dyson create a culinary gem.









Shawn Parlor tries thinking up his next menu item during a quiet time in Home Ec.

Too many cooks spoil Larry Scott's plans, but he's only kidding with that skillet!

They Went For The Gold

HHS Science Olympians compete in regional, state testing program

Co-Curricular

Highland High School science students accompanied by their coaches Mr. Dan Chapman and Mrs. Kathy Nowicki of Highland High School, placed 5th place in the Regional Science Olympiad held at Purdue Calumet and seventh in the state.

Awards were won in all areas of Science. In state, Bryan Labus took a bronze. Tom Summers took fifth, and Maureen Hughes and Ryan Summers took fourth in measurement.

Bob Gomezand David Lee placed seventh in rocks, Fossils and minerals, and the Science Bown team placed seventh in the state. Regional winners included a Silver and Bronze by Brian Labus and a Bronze by David Lee. In Chemistry a Silver was won by Tara Tauber and Mike Jasaitis. A Gold Medal was taken by Maureen Hughes.

In Earth Science a bronze was won by Bob Gomez.

◆Mrs. Nowicki and Mr. Chapman go over results of the Science Olympiad competition.



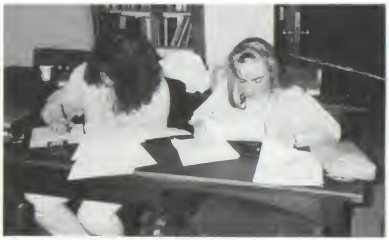


◆ Teams Row 1: D. Carlson, J. Bognar, A.Betchen, M. Hughes, P. Olson, M. Laciak, J. Fozkos. Row 2: R.Summers, R. Nortmqn, B.Labus, M.Deleget, M. Gratziani, D. Sellis, L. Reinholt. Patti Olson was Highland's English Representative.



◆ Science Olympiad Row 1: K. Nortman, M. Jasaitis, C. Moore, M. Hughes, T. Tauber, A. Ferko, M. Laciak, A. Stasney. Row 2: Mrs. Nowicki, B. Sankowski, B. Gomez, D. Lee, S. Yadron, M. Gratziani, B. Labrus, T. Summers, Mr. Chapman.





TEAMS

Students team up for academic competition

Locked in a classroom to test for two hours may sound tremendously boring. Many people visualize that when they hear the initials ITAC, currently known as TEAMS. Every year 20 students participate in the TEAMS competition.

TEAMS members and sponsors Joan Ray and Janice Konkoly hopped on a bus to Valparaiso University. Upon their arrival, students registered and were assigned to rooms where they tested.

Each student or pair of students has a specific test area. When each student completes the test to the best of his or her ability, it is passed to another teammate to be looked over. Thus, the competition is primarily a group effort.

After the tests are completed, a person from each team types all the answers into a computer where the results are tabulated. Meanwhile everyone heads to the student union for lunch and the awards ceremony.

Highland's merits included a 1st in Computers and English for varisity and 2nd in computers for the JV team. Overall, the team did well, surpassing all expectations bases on past performances.

After lunch and a quick stop in the bookstore it's time for the long bus ride back to Highland. The students arrive in time for 6th hour. Instead of going to class, TEAMS members collaborate in a classroom where they review the days events and relax.

◆ Arin Betchen

◆ Jen Bognar and Dawn Carlson show TEAMwork in the chemistry part of the competition.

High Tech

Classes

New class offerings stress hands on with 'working smart'



Above, Jason Tampauskas works on a project in Drafting class.

Lower right, Tim Bannon lines up work in Beginning Communications class.

Below, Eli Sorgich and Don Krivach do an energy systems project, testing blade design.

There is a new concern in the country, and the new offerings in Technology are reflecting it.

Teaching new classes such as computer assisted drafting, communication technologies, electronics, transportation, and construction, Mr. Bert Poi, Mr. Doug Pearson and Mr. Duane Sieb prepare students for highly technical careers.

These classes are geared to sending more qualified individuals into jobs . The new classes have replaced Metals 1-4 and Woods 1-4. Now these are integrated as Manufacturing.

The new line of classes attracts sophomore Brian Barr. "I like hands on work."

◆ Al Dobrowalski

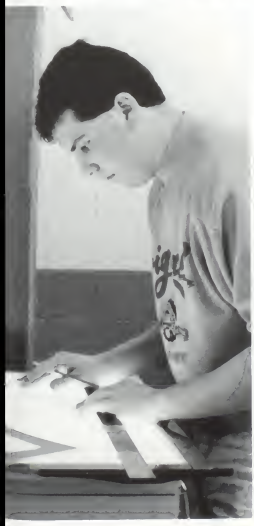




◆ Students who take High Tech classes are better prepared for work in industry

Kurt Michaels, Tim Crane, and Tony Rivera work with equipment in Communications.

Mr. Bert Poi shows Ben Gates and Chuck King how to tackle their next drafting project.





Ryan Cook's concentration shows clearly through the blur of the chin-up bar as he tests his strength.





- Aerobics class burned off a total of 2,520,000 calories.
- The average weight lifter can bench at least 170 pounds.
- Seventy percent of those who sat on Quest's 'hot seat' have been burned!

Ron Taylor pushes himself to the limit with the dumbbells by going ten pounds over his past record.



Mike McArdle and Ryan Cook see the reflection of what dedication and hard work will do to a body.



Physical Education

Students Rewarded for Hard Work with Hard Physiques

Highland's physical education classes managed to find balance between fun and serious work this year.

Weights, swimming and aerobic classes are challenging, interesting, and rewarding classes many students take. These classes involve various acitivities and workouts for three days a week, as well as book work the remaining two days. The main focus of the written work is to promote a healthy life style and positive self-image.

Cindy Banas says, "We learn what type of exercise can be an advantage to physical and mental health. Also, we learn what kind of exercise can be harmful. You learn how to lose weight in a healthy way by eating right, counting fat grams, and exercising three to four times a week."

Health and safety classes, as well as Quest comprise the PE Department. Both involve student-teacher interaction, and encourage students to look within themselves.

Senior John Beebe says, "I took Quest to learn more about myself. The things we talk about in Quest are interesting, but I would've never thought of them myself."

◆ **Karen VanderWall**





Mike McArdle has been lifting weights since the 7th grade. He's taken the class four times.

Brian Lomas made the three pointer and won the intramural class basketball game

Freshman gym class is required of everyone, but it can also be a great full credit. class.

Business Professionals of America

Co-Curricular



Minding their business is taking care of Business

Some of the most exciting things at Highland happen in the Business Department.

There an entire group of people spend time moving through a curriculum which teaches various aspects of not only secretarial skills, but management, business, and entrepreneurial skills as well.

According to Department Coordinator Mrs. Barbara Lovin, business students can also belong to Business Professionals of Americaa. This is a group which learns various office and business skills, and then competes on a local, district, and even state level for awards.

Highland has successfully sent students to BPA state competition in the past, and this year has been no exception.

- Over 10,000 sheets of paper are used yearly
- Over a million keystrokes are used





Far left, Debbie Bidwell learns keyboarding while still a freshman.

Left, Mr. Jim Hill dictates to junior Mickey Pitts as she prepares her work to hand in.

Mr. Tim Borowski stresses accuracy in all entries students make in his accounting class.









Business Professional winners are: Shannon Wiist, Angela Gorman, Sa4rah Diamianick, Linda Saroian, Pete Sedrak, and Brian Zalewski.

Above, Freshman Amy Evilsizer concentrates on the keyboard.

Left, Stacie Dudosh works on the typewriter, staying with the copy.

Sharing plans for a psychology project, Stephanie Pontow and Jen Komacko seem enthusiastic about their project.

Mr. Mike Sunny talks with Bryan Buksar about his swimming achievements as well as his academic progress.







Mr. Mel Anderson tells Brian Gordon high math skills can lead to area award winning competition and success in later life.

Working on a diorama for English gives Jill Petska, Jen Abeta and Jen Matthews a new appreciation of staging and local color.



Why Get Involved?

Co-Curricular

Co-Curricular classes offer experience, a chance to learn and do something new

For the many who take much more than the class work at Highland High, the answers to extra-curricular and co-curricular involvement are simple.

There are experiences to be had, new friends to make, and valuable lessons to be learned by getting involved in the many co-curricular classes and activities offered at Highland Highl.

"Co-Curricular" is defined as a regular academic class, but one which also involves extra time and after-school hours to complete the work and academic lessons involved. Band is not only an hour class; it is hours of marching and individual practice after school and in the summer months and often on Saturdays in competition.

Drama is a class, but also the springboard to participation in the Media Fair and possible Theatre Company productions. The hour of journalism is never enough to produce the school paper and yearbook.

Co-curricular classes not only give experience in possible careers; they also afford the bond of friendships which are made when effort is spent together for a common cause.

Why get involved? Simple. The benefits are well worth the extra effort, and there is a chance to learn way beyond the textbooks!



Senior Mike McArdle not only works out in the weight room, he is active in school and after school activities.



Band members know the real reaning of co-curricular, spending long hours on the practice field and in Saturday competitions.

Social Studies Has Great Impact



From History to Psych, students learn how modern society works; Trickle Down Theories come home

Whether it is listening to Mr. Mike Sunny tell you how it happened, or reading what the actual books says happened, Social Studies are all interesting courses.

The first class in Social Studies is U.S. History. The course's events go from Columbus to current events and Bill Clinton. In senior year, a student takes Economics and government by state mandate.

Econ teaches how to grasp today's money market in order to survive. Students learn about the "Trickle Down" theory of economics, popularized in the Reagan years. Government features the workings of the U.S. power base. This year the primary elections, featuring George Bush, Pat Buchanan, Bill Clinton and Paul Tsongas made Goverment class come to life.

In Psychology students learn about themselves and others. Mr. Fralinger offers various options, from building a rat maze to child psychology projects.

Social Studies classes attract students of all four years, and the learning is meant to last a lifetime, especially as an American citizen.

◆ Ed Klapak

- Mr. Mike Sunny is one teacher who is peppier than Dr. Pepper.
- The heaviest book is U.S. History, weighing 2.6 pounds



Brenda Oostman discusses her mouse maze with Psychology teacher Mr. Doug Fralinger.



Rachelle Aspan and Jason Johns enjoy learning more about themselves in Psychology class.

Junior Jeremy Miller delivers a report on the Great Depression in Mr. Kelly's U.S. History class.







Classes

Mike Rybicki and Jennifer Bromels share their feelings and perspective in a discussion in Psychology class.

Mathematics

Classes



It isn't easy going the extra mile

Math classes are difficult, but teachers made them worthwhile.

Although a lot of students don't think that their strong point is math, it is required for at least two years.

Many students say they don't mind math class as one of their periods, as long as they have an encouraging teacher that urges them to do better. Junior Dave Bartlett, states, "I've never been good at math, but my teachers have gotten me through it."

A special pizzazz is needed to grab students' attention to help them learn. "Of course math has its ups, but there are many downs. At times it's hard, but the teachers challenge your abilities, making it more fun!" says sophomore, Kym Zalewski.

Math is the baseline for many other subjects and thousands of jobs. Calculators are even out there to help, but most students need the essential mathematical skill in their background in order to succeed in their futures. It's even used in everyday life, for example, in shopping and cooking.

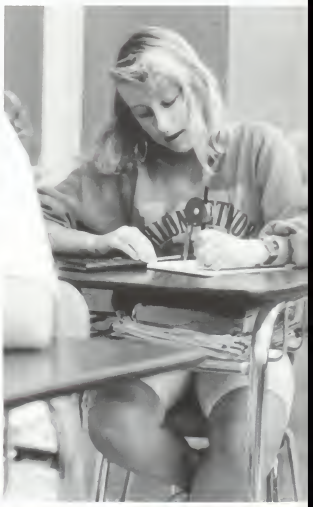
"If I don't understand what is being taught in class, my teacher is always there to help me out, either before or after school, it's like they'll bend over backwards for you," says freshman Kelly Beison.

As long as teachers are willing to take that extra step to make class interesting, their students will go miles.

◆ Alicia Castillo



Doug Rhein may be a Cub Fan, but the question is — is he a Math Man?

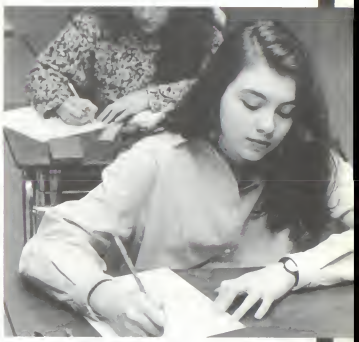


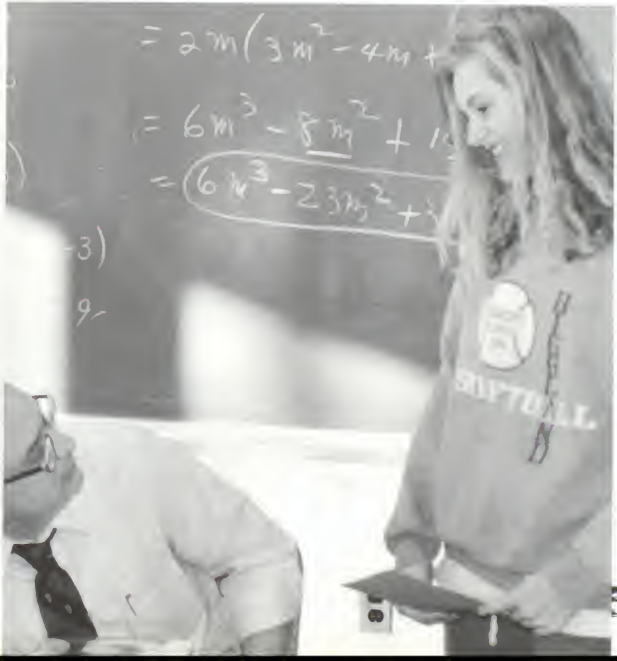
Ms. Leeney explains a test answer to Scott Richardson in Trigonometry class.



Math isn't too bad for freshmen like Helen in Mr. Kessler's geometry class.

Suzie Djuich graduated from Merkley and Highland's Jr. High, so she's prepared for math.





- Mrs. Kessler won student council's candy contest, but Mr. K was close!
- The average trig problem takes 2.37 sheets of paper.
- Pie was much simpler when it only involved apple or cherry!

Compasses don't seem to bother Mary O'Toole judging from the confident look on her face.

Suzanne Demaris's question had Mr. Kessler perplexed for a minute, but he figured it out.





Attorney Barbara Shaver and Amy Stasny look over client papers. Brian Labus and Jason Quigg learn from Highland trainer Scot White.

Below, junior Renee McCay shares a lesson plan with her mentor teacher, Mrs. Gloria Karr. Renee plans to be a teacher some day.



Jennifer Bohling mentored at Calumet Construction Company, working with some of the office personnel. Below, Juli Matulis mentors with teacher Mrs. Winston.



Co-Curricular

Mentor

From child care to teaching, law & sports training, this program meets all student career interests

Combining class time with valuable hours working with area professionals, students in the Mentor program have learned a lot this year.

Under the direction of Mrs. Joan Ray and Mr. Herb Schmidt, Highland upperclassmen had the opportunity to study under masters in various professions in Northwest Indiana.

Mentors were found for students who professed an interest in any one of a number of careers. There were several students who mentored with teachers such as Mrs. Winston in the elementary grades and Mrs. Gloria Karr in the high school.

Amy Stasny spent most of her mentoring hours in lawyers offices. Her mentor was Sheila Hayden, but she also spent time with attorney Barbara Shaver, who serves as a public defender.

Becky Johnson has dreams of nursing as a career, and she mentored with Mrs. Caryn Moore, Director of Nursing at Regency Place, a Dyer nursing home.

Considering Mentor "the most beneficial class I have ever taken", Tara Tauber used her experience to spark her interest in the medical profession. Mentoring with pediatricians at the Child Life Center in Munster, Tara worked with Dr. Anger and Dr. Warda, a neonatologist at Community Hospital.

Jason Quigg and Brian Labus worked with Highland's own trainer Scott While, while Danielle Figlio worked with attorney Prescilla Herochik, and Michele Laciak also studied with pediatricians at the Community Hospital.

All agree — Mentor is an excellent program to investigate possible career choices.



Science Classes



Students win in Science Olympiad; classes brace for renovation move to area in junior high building

Science is all around us; we cannot escape it. It's presence can be felt at Highland High, too.

The Science Department was busy this year with Science Coordinator Janice Konkoly leading the way for many events and changes. "I hope to make students more aware of science," she states.

One of the special events the department participated in was the Science Olympiad. Science Olympiad is a local competition in which students compete for advancement to the state level. This year Highland had 15 students take part. Among the teachers who helped with this event were Mr. Herb Schimdt, Mrs. Kathleen Nowicki, Mr. Lee Farley, and Mr. Dan Chapman.

The Science Department has also been working on improving the curriculum for the science classes. They plan to offer AP Chemistry and Physics next year, with AP Biology the following year. A P courses for high school seniors help them possibly test out of college credit hours.

In therenovation, Science will gain new labs and a new green house.

◆ Karen Vander Wall

Mark Nackman and Liz Ecsy see what new organisms are floating around in Mr. Schmidt's Bio class.







◆ Mr. Mazur is a big fan of the *Times*, even with his busy schedule.

◆ Mr. Schmidt is just a plain excellent teacher.

◆ Who has all the right formulas? Mr. Elston?

Melissa Branson and Carl Tinsley, top, work on projects in biology class.

Left, Keith Loudermilk and Jake Campbell discover new findings during a lab in Chem class.

From Sentence Fragments To Will Shakespeare



English classes stress comprehension,skill



Some people think they speak English well. Knowing it, however, remains an art which becomes more difficult in this video age.

English Coordinator Mr. Bill Martin led the English teachers and students through a year of concentrating on curriculum. A group met to determine what was best for students, and as a result remedial tracking was abolished, with most students moving into mainstream classes for the next school year.

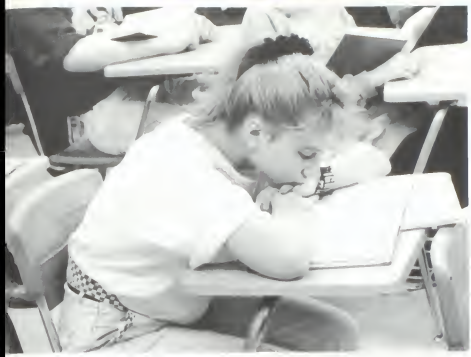
Students still will have Advanced Placement English, and honors classes will be taught.

With literature, grammer, and comprehension skills still high at the top of the list of priorities, the English Department continued to touch all students in Highland High School in thies year before the renovator's workmen came in to remodel the entire junior and senior high school complex..

Right, Miss Debra Pullins takes time to go over a literature point with Melanie Rosachi and Kim Tucker.

Sophomores Tom Caddick, Wendy Smith and Karen Duffy work through a comprehension lesson.





Left, Kelli Stone doesn't let Hat Day keep her brain from cooking. Carla Churilla studies literature.

Mrs. Carolyn Slys gives assistance to Kim Elliot and Dave Bartlett in junior English class.



Don't Expect to Get Something For Nothing.



- Over 2,000 pens and pencils are used yearly by English students
- English students make 21,600 trips up the Eng lish wing stairs every year



Speech teacher Mrs. Joyce Petrin gives Kristin Brown some extra help.

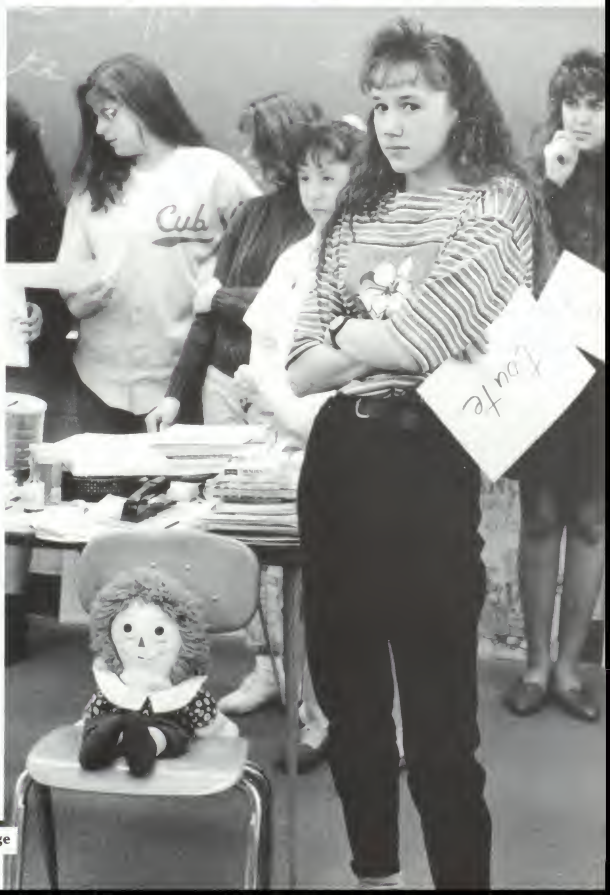
Shari Linden, Kristin Brown, Sara Simko, Dee Francoeur, Tatia Williams, Alicia Castillo and Katie Schmidt work in French.

Mrs. Mary Certa is a dynamic teacher of the French language and culture. She has studied and taught in France.



- French classes heard Madame's Edith Piaf record at least 10 times
- French I learned 512 new vocab words
- French ate 213 crepes at Christ mas





Susan Colsack explains her part in a project during French class, complete with an assistant, the little doll at her right.



Practicing *Deutsch* in German Class is enjoyable for juniors Mark McCullough, Mike Deleget and Mike Schneider.

Frau Diana Rogers leads her German class through an exercise to help their accents on Hat Day.



French, German, Spanish

No language is foreign once you know it

Some of the most interesting forms of knowledge come in Foreign Language classes. With the world becoming smaller and abn increased emphasis on knowing and understanding different cultures, Highland continues to provide extensive teaching and application of appreciating oth4er world cultures.

Under the direction of Coordinator Mr. Tom Doukas, the foreign language teachers have great expertise and world knowledge.

The Indiana University Honors Program continues, sending students who qualify to study in foreign countries. Over the years many Highland High students have gained knowledge of foreign countries through this program.

Also, there is opportunity for students to learn more of the culture they are studying during Foreign Language Week, which was held this year in March. after making posters for display around the school, students gathered at the International Dinner, a highlight of Foreign Language Week.



Mr. ThomasDoukas is fluent in both Spanish and French. He has traveled in various countries.

Clubs and Honor Societies spell fun in any language



It's true that a mind is a terrible thing to waste, but so is time!

After spending an average of 35 hours a week in school, 15 hours at work, 50 hours sleeping, 15 hours eating, and 10 hours on homework a week, students aren't left with a whole lot of time for what they **want** to do instead of what they **have** to do.

That makes extra time even more coveted. This time is not to be wasted. Time involved in foreign language clubs is not wasted.

French Clubs hosted a Mardi Gras Party, held other cultural experiences, and colored Easter Eggs in the nursing home.

Spanish and German Clubs put out their annual Christmas cards as well as selling candy for a new T.V. for the Foreign Language Department.

Senior Amy Ferko thinks her effort in 4 years of Spanish Club and 2 in Honor Society was "time well spent."

German Honor Society Row 1: B. Porter, M. Schneider, J. Zaborowski, H. Fenstemaker, P. Olsen, K. Neilson, A. Clasgens. Row 2: R. Eckert, M Vanderbill, T. Fenolio, J. Naglich, R. Kutch, L. Abraham, T. Tanya, M. Sprainis, M. Zakrazacki, Frau Rogers.

German Club Row 1: P. Egan, T. Fenolio, J. Naglich, K. Walkowiak, A. Clasgans, K. Hood, A. Goodson, I. Limonchu. Row2: B. Perter, M. McMcullough, J. Zaborowski, B. Barrett, M. Deleget, P. Olsen, H. Fenstermaker. Row 3: Frau Rogers, T. Tanya, J. Wokoliak, J. Neilson, K. Neilson, C. Heath, R. Kutch, L. Abraham, M. Burkman, M. Sparnese, M. Zakrazacki.









Spanish Club Row 1: S. Demaris, L. Kocon, S. Smothers, S. Moreno, M. Castillo, T. Kasbaum, C. Brown, J. Kruger, T. Bandura. Row2: J. Riechmuth, C,. Kozlowski, J. Matulis, C. Quinn, K. Hullinger, B. McCay, S. Quigg, T. Frankiewicz, L. Strickhorn, D. Carlson, C. Delgato, J. Wyncoop. Row 3: M. Isa, B. Waldron, M. Orlich, T. Czych, E. Negovetich, J. Rosing, R. Vanderbilt, R. Schmal. D. VanDeel, K. Blanck, A. Pagan, S. Colter, S. Weist. Row 4: S. Keil, K. Johnson, B. Labus, E. Klapak, J. Elo, L. Reinhold, M. Elo, T. Willman, D. Sullivan.

Spanish Honor Society Row1: S. Demaris, L. Kocon, A. Smothers, S. Morenco, J. Kruger, L. Hepburn, K. Conn. Row2: J. Richmuth, C. Kozlowski, J. Matulis, C. Quinn, K. Hullinger, M. Castillo, S. Quigg, L. Strickhorn, Ana Pagan, C. Delgato. Row 3: Senora Lopez, B. Waldron, M. Orlich, T. Laysczon, E. Negovetich, J. Rosing, R. Schmal, S. Colter, T. Zoetman, V. Troppman, Row 3: B. Labus, J. Elo, J. Wyncoop, J. Woodward, A. Zakrazacki, E. Ring.



Patti Olsen has a four year major in German. She spent three weeks of last summer as a foreign exchange student in Germany where she lived with a host family.

Mary Condes is a freshman in the Foreign Language Department. She plans to stay with French for four years and hopes to get a chance to visit France to practice the language.





French Honor Society Row 1: A. Goodsen, E.Stokes, A. Korem, B. Tabor, M. Bennington. Row 2: M. CCastillo, K. Hood, M. Veslocki, T. Zoetman, A. Hood, A. Testolin, A. Betchen. Row 3: R. Nortman, V. Tabor, H. Gates, K. Gaskey, T. Bognar, H. Fenstermaker, N. Sorota, M. Branson, Mr. Doukas.



French Club Row 1: E. Stokes, M. Castillo, S. Linden, M. Bowen, A. Korem, J. Rosing. Row 2: R. McCay, K. Hood, M. Veslocki, T. Zoetman,A. Hook, A. Testolin, A. Betchen. Row 3: A. Goodson, V. Tabor, B. Gates, T. Williamson, K. Gaskey, K. Schmidt, S. Kulzyk, J. Begala, J. Bognar, H. Fenstermaker, N. Sarota, M. Branson, A. Pagan, M. Bennington.



Lisa Hepburn served as *Shield* editor and was this year's president of the Journalism Honor Society Quill & Scroll.

Concentrating on both coverage and design, Arin Betchen was copy editor and helped produce oter sections of the book.



Meet The Press!

Co-Curricular

Lisa Hepburn, Jenn Jarmula, Paul Callaway lead HHS journalistic publications

Caring enough about sharing the news of what happens at HHS, members of the Journalism Department were led by Quill & Scroll President Lisa Hepburn.

Lisa served as editor of the *Shield*, while Jenn Jarmula edited *The Link*. Both staffs worked through deadines and continued their education not only of journalism, but of computerized desktop publishing as well.

This year's journalism class also got involved with school and area publications. Katie Smith, Mark Sharp and Michelle Banjura were chosen to write columns and reviews for the *Post Tribune*, and others worked for *The Times* and the *Calumet Press*.

Paul Callaway served as Photo Chief this year, and Ed Klapak was Managing Editor of the *Link*, with Margie Grimmer, Erin Ring, and Arin Betchen as major editors of the *Shield*. All deadlines were met.

Link Staff: M. Zakrzacki, A. Finn, S. Palmer, L. Hepburn, B. Bailes Row 2. M. Ahmadzai, K. Trembicki, J. Korseniewski, M. O'Neill, S. Bondra, R. McCay, E. Klapak, J. Repking, J. Jarmula, I. Limoncu, D. Flores, M.J. Rosanski, M. Sharp. Missing: R. Velez.



Creating on a Little Mac are beginning students Tonya Harris, Dave Bartlett, Katie Smith, and Avarie Wallner. Desktop publishing is part of journalism now.











Above, the *Link* sports staff: Ed Klapak, Monika Zakrzacki, and Dave Flores. Jenn Jarmula and Ed Klapak are computer desktop publishing experts.

Above, right: *Shield*: R. 1: P. Callaway, E. Ring, M. Grimmer, L. Hepburn, A. Betchen, J. Kwasny.Row 2: Ms. B. Mayer, S. Adad, A. Buck, M. Tucker, K. Maicher, K. VanderWall, T. Harris, J. Stern.



Cheerleaders

Voices of confidence

OK so there's not a category for it in the Olympics. It doesn't require a helmet or a bat, but it does require physical skill, long hours of practice, and determination. It's Cheerleading!

Some people think cheerleading is hardly worthy of being called a sport. Scott Shaginaw feels, "Cheerleading is not a real sport because they don't compete or condition."

Not true! Every year girls try out for their chance to cheer for the Mighty Trojans. What lies ahead for those who make the squad? JV cheerleader Jen Bognar said, "Our season never ends. We cheer through football and basketball seasons and practice in between."

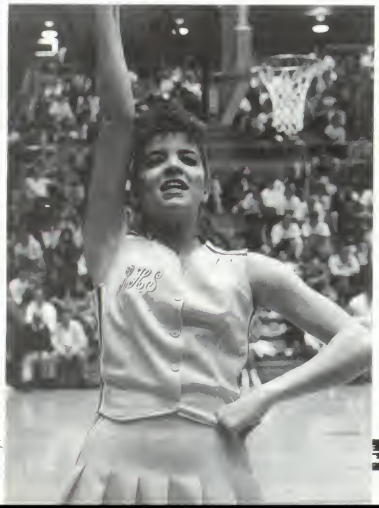
Practice is almost every day in the summer to prepare for football. They also condition through the school year.

When actually cheering at games, the squads aren't competing against each other. There are formal competitions for cheering at all levels.

Amy Finn says,"I think cheerleaders deserve some recognition because they practice long hours during the summer and after school."

Whatever the case may be, the tradition goes on. The cheerleaders go out on the field or court for every game, faithfully cheering their team - win or lose. ◆ **Amanda Buck**

Chrissy Quinn shows her Highland spirit at the Munster-Highland game.





Cheerleaders have a lot of fun as Jill Adams, Linda Montalvo, and Shelby Smothers show in the stands. Jen Bognar leads the Highland Fight Song.



The guys becoming sectional champs gave the girls something to cheer about during the sixth hour pep rally. Stacey Dudash leads a proud Coach Urban to his place among the other champs.

Even in below zero weather the Highland cheerleaders will cheer their team on faithfully.





Clubs

Majorettes
Lettergirls

Dances and cheers support Trojans throughout year

What exactly does a Majorette or a Lettergirl do?

A majorette's job is two-fold. Through the basketball season the majorettes practice songs and dances for weeks before performing at half-time. Their main goal is to get the crowd going and to entertain.

The second part of being a majorette is flags. Majorettes work in conjunction with the band in competitions and at football half-times. The music they move to then is different from the modern styles they dance to for basketball, but it still takes skill and practice.

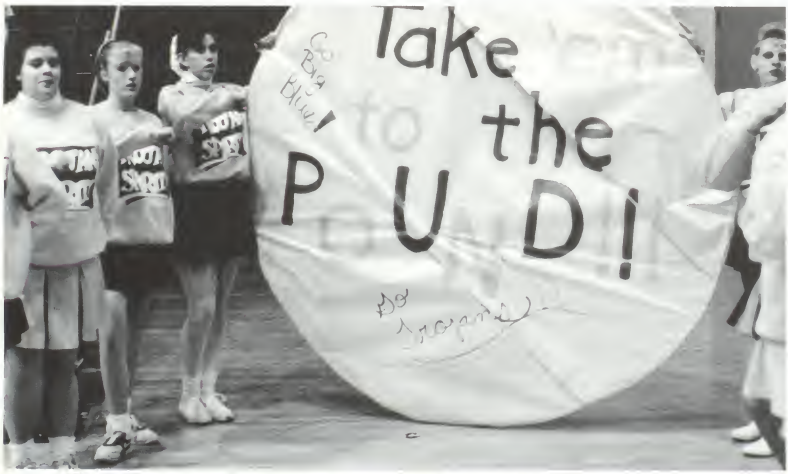
When not on the field or court, the majorettes lead the cheer block with the lettergirls. When the cheerleaders start a crowd participation cheer, it is their job to help lead the crowd and show school spirit.

Lettergirls and majorettes also help prepare for games. They're the ones who help make the signs that magically find their way on the walls before big games.

Senior co-captain Lori Kocon said, "Majorettes takes a lot of time, but when a routine comes together it's all worth it."

The Lettergirls hold the Ring of Pride for the Trojan Hoopsters as they salute the American Flag.

Jennifer Smigla carries the flag high while marching with the band in a competition.





Cindy Banas, Laura Napawolki, and Lori Kocon perform the half-time show.

Cindy Banas is a Co-Captain who's dedication shines through in every performance.



Majorettes: Row 1: C. Rubio, J. Smigla, C. Banas, L. Kocon, L. Napowocki, J. Smigla. Row 2: S. Wiist, M. Elo, D. Sullivan, M. Rosachi, S. Courtwright. Row 3: A. Henry, H. Tzana, J. Richards, J. Payne, T. Kubic, M. Begala.



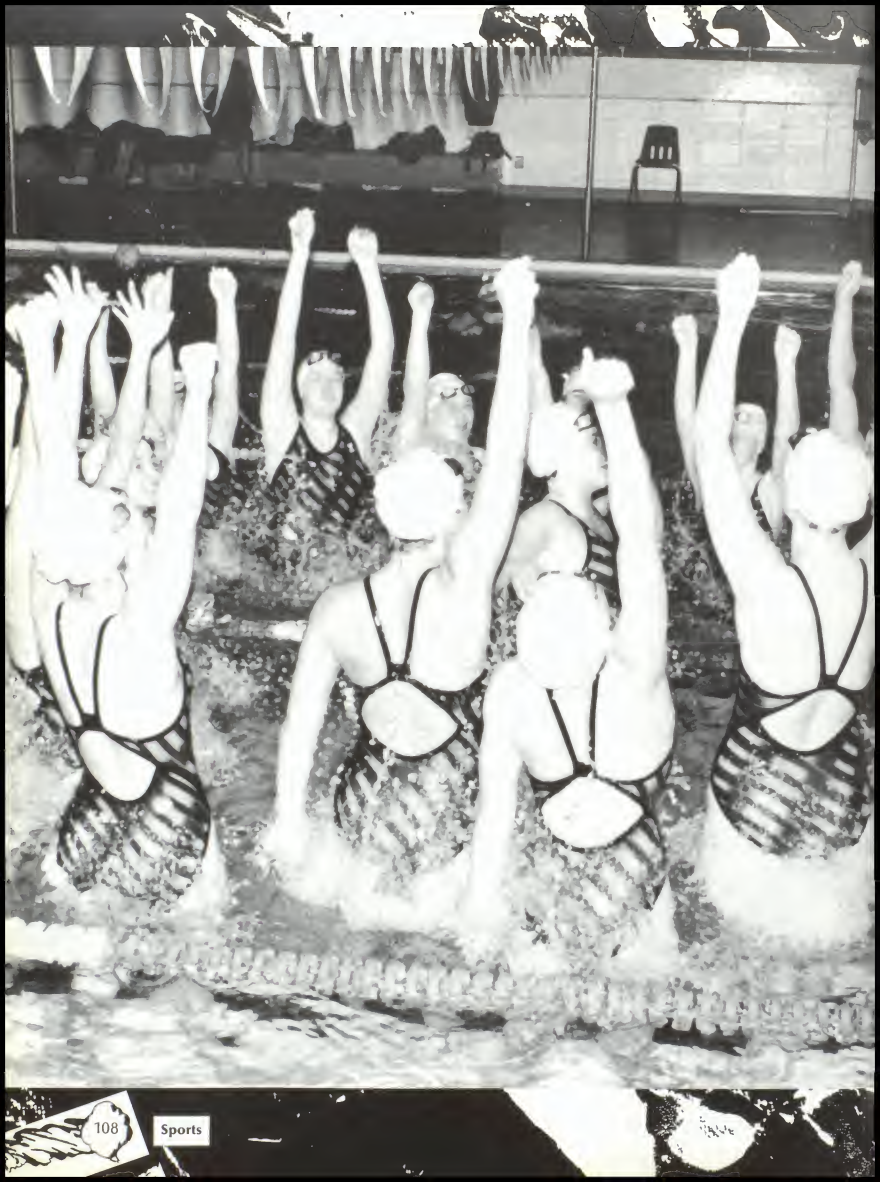






Kristi Miller shows spirit at a game. Her love of Highland is written all over her face.

Majorette camp is a lot of fun. The only problem is they make them wear nametags constantly!









No Talk, All Action

Actions speak louder than words!



So often people talk a good story, but where'sthe actio?.

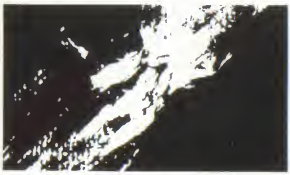
Highland is different. The fans talked Highland up, and in most cases the athletes didn't let them down.

The girls' swim team saw Melanie Grau qualify for state in the 500 freestyle. Melanie was seeded 22nd out of 32 finalists. The boys swim team sent five swimmers down to state. Michael Deleget, Bryan Buksar, Mike Bakker, Darron Damasius and Tom Czyszon all qualified. Bryan Buksar placed sixth in the 100 Freestyle.

The long blue line ran strong for yet another season. The boys finished second in the LSC. The Lady Volliers finished with a 16 - 12 record. The Volliers will have all but one player returning next year. Juniors are looking ahead. "We will definitely be a contender next year!", says Suzanne DeMaris.

The boys basketball team finished the season with a 6 -14 record. The Trojans won their first sectional game against Munster. The Lady Trojans were competing with an 8-11 final record. The Lady Trojans opened the sectionals with a win over the Calumet Lady's 49-26.

Highland athletes put on shows worth seeing. With all that action, Highland can afford to **Talk a Blue Streak**.



The girls' swim team shows their bond formed from many long hours together. The football team protects Bob Johnson as he runs for a TD.

Memorable Moments

- Munster may have won on the field, but Highland beat them at the Battle of the Bridge.
- Students fire up for the game with annual Hippie Day attire for Spirit Week.
- The guys induge in spaghetti as Woody frolicked in Quigg's pool.

"The team had a rough time this season, but with all the underclassmen it was a rebuilding year."

Kellen Maicher





Varsity: Row 1: J. Waldron, D. Herald, B. Timm, T. Kutscher, B. Johnson, J. Woodward, K. Lane, D. Boersma, J. Quensler, M. Edwards, D. Kaczka, L. Scott, M. McCullough, B. Loane. Row 2: J. Quigg, B. Porter, K. Maicher, J. Soto, A. Bishop, A. Kennedy, J. May, T. Wojno, K. Loudermilk, C. Carlson, D. Ogrentz, M. Harrison, J. Jones. Row 3: J. Jusko, M. Graziani, B. Novak, J. Jones, R. Reickhoff, R. Milton, B. Ivers, T. Bannon, A. Gholson, S. Tucker, B. Hakes, B. Spoljoric, B. Linebaugh, D. Bartlett, Row 4: R. Hansen, B. Labus, K. Kelly, L. Reinholt, C. Huppenthall, Scot White, Coach Rick Flutka, Coach Link, Corky Heath.

JV Football: Row 1: J. Woodward, T. Gordon, C. Mikuly, M. Klapkowski, S. Shaginaw. Row 2: T. Michalak, J. Spoljoric, S. Dopka, D. Flores, W. Walsh, D. Pigg, E. Gray, J. Swalec. P. Murzyn, Row 3: L. Reinholt, P. Egan, M. Metrick, A Lewis, J. Turnbull, E. Ellis, G. Bell, R. Eckhard, Coach Link.

Storming onto the field, sophomore Mike Metrick prepares to battle in the Homecoming game against East Chicago Central.

Captains Jake Quigg and Jerry Woodward wait for the coin toss as they stand off against the EC Central team at Homecoming.









Trojan Spirit Remains

Highlights still remain from season of loss, disappointment

The time is 7:30 A.M. mid-August. There are not too many high school students even thinking about getting out of bed. However, there are about 70 faithful, hopeful guys running killers up and down the practice fields in preparation for a new season.

The opening game saw Highland defeated by the score of 47-6 at Portage. Coach Flutka's first win had come against the Munster Mustangs in O'Rama, but the Trojans were defeatedin the Battle of the Bridge 29-7.

The Gridmen then were defeated by Crown Point's Bulldogs before capturing their only win. This was an away victory. The Trojans defeated the Calumet Warriors the next week 28- 6 on the Calumet field.

Spirit Week was topped off by a wet and wild Homecoming game. Played over two days because of a storm, it resulted in a Trojan loss against Martell France and EC Central.

The Trojans ended up with a 1-7 record, but team spirit remained high and underclassmen wait for another year.

◆ Ed Klapak



In a panel of line shots, The Highland Trojans show their defensive and offensive style in evening play against Munster and in the afternoon Saturday game against East Chicago Central.









After a successful play, Brian Loane shows his enthusiasm as other players set up for the next down in a home game on Trojan field..

Memorable Moments

- T 'n T, the team's favorite song
- The victory over Valpo
- "If the ball hits the floor, then you hit the floor"
- The team muscular guns
- Mr. Elston's jump ropes

I never worked with a more talented group. They helped me get my All-Conference title. Kate Hullinger





Volleyball: Row 1: J. Wolendowski, K. Hullinger J. Krueger, A. Stasny Row 2: Coach Julie Abatie, C. Ossana, J. Zaborowski, K. Elliott, K. Moore, P. Ryan, S. DeMaris, K. Cowgill.

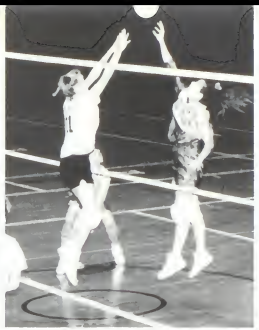
JV Volleyball. Row1: D. Conn, A. Claesgens, M. Kantowski, A. Govert, B. Tabor Row 2: L. Moore, A. Hanak, K. Colter, S. Menke, K. Lane Row 3: A. Fozkos, C. Kenders, L. Ellis, R. Vanderbilt, J. Bogusz, Coach Brian Elston.









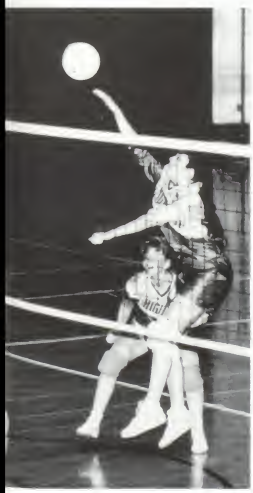


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Far left, the varsity team congratulates each other after a hard fought victory against Valparaiso. Left, Patti Ryan fights for the ball in a game against Griffith.

The JV team celebrates after a hard-fought win against rival, the Griffith Panther girls volleyball team. Victory came often to the Highland volleyball team.





Junior Kim Cowgill sends the ball through the air after her serve. Junior Patty Ryan spikes the ball down in the opponent's face.

Volleyball

Spike it, Lady Trojans!

Girls win Whiting Invite; Competition in conference rough

The volleyball team had an interesting season this year with a final record of 16 and 13.

This year's team worked very well together. "It wasn't just a me, me, me attitude; it was always a what's good for and could better the team. It was a very unselfish team," says varsity player Kim Cowgill.

That showed though on the court. In conference the team was 4 and 2 . The team also placed first in the Whiting Invitational. This year the team advanced to sectionals, which were held at Griffith where the team played Hanover Central.

"Next year's team will be great because we will only lose one senior, compared to losing seven or eight. But with all the JV players moving up we will gain some fresh, new talent," comments J.V. player Amy Hanak.

Next year's team hopes to advance to regionals and finally capture State. This, they feel, will be done with added experience playing tough conference rivals.

◆ Amanda Buck

Memorable Moments

- Midnight swims at cross country camp
- Coach Zeman showing the fastest way to get to a meet
- Girls names as Sectional Champs at Dowling Park, literally
- The boys getting stung at Chesterton
- Losing Mary, Shannon and Jen in the woods

My team has no idea how much I'll miss them next year. Monika Zakrzacki





Cross Country: Row 1: M. Jasaitis, Jim Peters, Joey Peters, N. Dwenger Row 2: M. Vanderbilt, E. Wallace, R. Conley, D. Johnston, Coach Bernie Zeman.

Cross Country: Row 1: C. Ortiz, M. Zakrzacki, P. Olsen, Row 2: J. Petska, J. Walter, E. Ring, J. Rinas, H. Oprea, T. Kasbaum, R. Burge, Coach Steve Furman, L. Strickhorn, J. Korzeniewski, K. Phillips, A. Zakrzacki, M. Johnson, D. Peters, N. LaMantia.





At the Highland Invitational, junior Mike Jasaitis moves ahead for a strong finish against some strong conference and area runners.

Rob Conley and Joey Peters stand at the starting line, waiting for the gun. This is where pressure and intensity gear the runner for the race.



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Cross Country

The Long Blue Line

Girls take sectional championship; Boys qualify for regional action

While most people were at the beach and sleeping in last summer, both boys' and girls' cross country teams were already training for their season.

Starting early in June, runners went to Chicago, Wisconsin, Great America, the beach, Ben & Jerry's, and even Woodfield Mall.

"I remember the beach," says sophomore Mary Johnson, "because we got lost in the woods and ended up running 12 miles instead of 6."

The girls were in the van more than they were actually running. The endless rides brought the team all over the state to big meets like the Carmel Classic or just to practice in Lansing. Driving, of course, was Coach Steve H. Furman who got the girls where they needed to go even if he nearly killed them in the process.

Both the boys and girls paticipated in Penn's Hokem Karem which was a course where the runners took turns running a mile three times over. This course was considered the hardest.

Courses like that helped the boys place second in the Lake Central Conference. Individuals Mike Jasaitis, Joey Peters, and Rob Conley received All Conference awards.

The girls' team also had many highlights. They won their Sectionals, and they also had four All Conference runners, Monika Zakrzacki, Jill Petska, Karrie Phillips, and Alice Zakrzacki. Others who show promise for next year include Jaime Korzeniewski and Shannon Bateman.

Both cross country teams should the dedication and commitment to hard work and long hours necessary for any athlete who attempts long distance running.

◆ Alice Zakrzacki, Erin Ring



Coach Steve Furman gives last minute instructions while Renee Burge concentrates on her race strategy.

The JV runners walk to the starting line, ready to take on competition. Many of them will join the varsity Blue Line next year.



Already in front of the pack, Monika Zakrzracki holds on to her lead position. She was one of Highland's strongest runners in years.

Memorable Moments

- Winning Sectionals
- The Impressive Victory over Lowell
- Jim Bajaj' add in add out

The team had a lot of fresh talent. Next year we'll take state.

Jon Aros



◆ Boys Tennis: Row 1: M. Elder, D. Housley, K. Price, B. Waldron, B. McCay, M. Orlich, A. Van Prooyen, J. Wynkoop, K. Yeo, R. Summers, T. Doffin. Row 2: Coach Jerry Mazur, S. Yadron, S. Anderson, S. Glumac, S. Palmer, M. Deleget, B. Galic, B. Butcher, J. Bajaj.

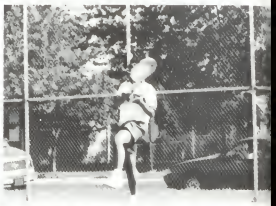


◆ Boys Sectional Champions: Row 1: D. Housley, J. Bajaj, J. Aros Row 2: B. Waldron, B. McCay, B. Galic, B. Butcher, S. Yadron, M. Orlich, K. Yeo.



◆ Jon Aros was *Link* Athlete of the issue, and was second seed in singles at sectionals.

◆ Jim Bajaj was a junior this year, getting more experience after being First Team All Conference last year.





◆ Juniors Steve Yadron and Bret McCay stop before a doubles tourney to plan strategy. They were both valuable players on this year's team.



◆ Junior Steve Yadron returns a smash against Bishop Noll early in the season.

◆ Senior Jon Aros dives for a successful return. He was mainstay on this year's team.



Tennis

Hail! The Highland Aces

Boys team wins sectional; Aros, Bajaj lead Trojan racketeers

The Highland boys tennis team finished off a smashing season with an incredible victory at sectionals.

Junior Brett McCay states, "Winning Sectionals was great for us this year."

The team crushed Gavit in the first round and went on to defeat rival Lowell in the second round. The Sectional champs advanced to regionals at Munster where they lost 5-0 to the home team.

Many individual players had an outstanding season. Senior Jon Aros had a great year and made 1st Team All- Conference.

This year's team consisted of many younger players. "Next year we'll be back with more experience and play better than ever," says Junior Scott Anderson. Two out of the top 3 singles players will return for one more year in the Fall of '92.

Jim Bajaj and Jon Aros werethe number one and two seeded singles in sectional action.

The young team had many good sophomores including Ben Waldron, Bob Galic, and Kevin Price. "The team had a lot of young players but we still had a strong season, so next year we'll do even better," says Bob Galic.

Coach Jerry Mazur led the boys to finish a successful season with an overall record of 9-9. Leading stars were Jon Aros and Jim Bajaj, with Don Housley, Steve Yadron, Ben Waldron, Bob Galic, and Kevin Price showing promise for the future. Also rated as good players are juniors Brian Butcher and Bret McCay.

With youth on their side, the Trojans look promising for next season.

◆ Arin Betchen



◆ Junior Steve Yadron shows an impressive forehand as he returns a volley during a home match

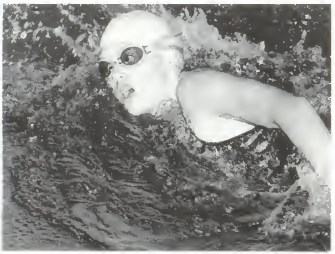
Memorable Moments

- Beth Caddick "Do these shoes look right?"
- Cheri getting out of the pool at sectional prelims!
- Doing the Can Can to the Cocktail soundtrack

The team accomplished a lot this year. As the only senior I feel I reached my goals. Michelle Cseri



Girls Swim Team: Row 1: T. Williams, L. Chandler, N. Kutie, S. Linden, M. Litavecz, M. Bowen, Row 2. D. O'Rourke, J. Bishop, G. Giovanelli, E. Campbell, A. Pawlus, K. Blahnik. Row 3: A. Wallner, G. Gray, B. Fritz, A. Finn, M. Bennington, P. Zaborowski. Row 4: B. Caddick, S. Auksel, M. Cseri, S. Rich, M. Grau, Coach Brian Toweson.









Ladies Show Free Style

Girls take third in conference; third in Munster Sectionals

The Highland girls swim teams have always been strong.

This year was no exception. Even with only one senior and no divers the swim team had a record of six and eight. They placed third in the Lake Suburban Conference and third in the Munster sectionals.

Captain Michelle Cseri led the team as the only senior. She specialized in the 50 freestyle and 100 fly.

Junior Melonie Grau also helped the team in her events and even went to state in the 500 freestyle. "State was a great experience for me, and I hope I can go back next year and place in the top five." she states.

All the teammates helped, but everyone had to give a little more effort because they lost points in every meet with no divers and no diving coach. This was caused by the fact that Highland cannot compete in diving becuase the old pool no longer meets new state depth requirements.

Junior Beth Caddick says, "It was hard losing thirteen points in diving but we tried our best to make up for it."

One of the season highlights's was the 100th victory for Coach Brian Toweson.

Next year there is no doubt the team will be a threat with all the returning experience

◆Kara Maicher

The team takes a picture break after an especially good practice session. Togetherness were a highlight of this year's team.

Melanie Grau, Sandy Auksel, Blythe Fritz and teammates point a fellow swimmer on through a long event.



Debbie Bowen backs into a victory at a home meet, left, while above, teammates Gina Giovanelli and Eva Campbell cheer the swim team on against Munster.



Pinning High Hopes

Young Team wrestles like 'old pros' through season

Among all the sports at Highland, no other combines intelligence, speed, strength, and endurance the way wrestling does. Wrestling can give self- discipline, patience, and most importantly pride to those who are dedicated.

"Out on the mat there are no places to hide your mistakes," said senior Don Herald. "It is an individual sport with a fine line between winning and losing."

This year the team featured younger wrestlers. One of the obstacles the team had to face was lack of experience. Underclassmen made up more than half of the varisty line up.Only four seniors remained to lead the Trojans through the season.

The young team presented a challenge for coaches Jim Colias and Larry Johnson. Freshmen Terry McClean, Phil Dennis, Brad Joseph, Vince Vasile, and Andy Barnes all competed at the varsity level. When asked about wrestling varsity Andy Barnes replied, "It was rough, but I felt myself improving and gaining experience."

The team has hope for the future. Coach Rick Flutka commented, "During the course of the season, I have seen definite signs of improvement. The team and coaches are looking forward to the next season."

There is no doubt that the team will soon be back at the top. With the experience gained this year, it will be exciting to see what the team will achieve in the years to come.

◆ Tanya Harris

◆ Coach Jim Colias gives a few final pointers to Freshman Brad Joseph before the match.

◆ 150 Pounder Jason Spoljoric waits for the signal to start the match. He hopes for a pin.



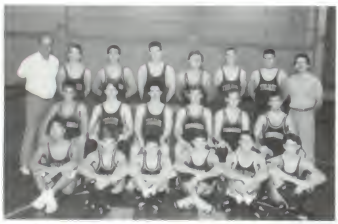
◆ Tim Gordon struggles against his opponent in a muscle tightening move.



◆ The Varsity grapplers cheer on JV while they take their turn on the mat.



◆ Row 1: K. Yeo, C. Smith, B. Kerr, D. Modjeski, J. Orban, N. Sellis. Row2: R. Kinney, D. Bartlett, R. Keister, D. Herald, T. Gordon, J. Kasbaum. Row 3:Coach Johnson, E. Wallis, J. Spoljoric, R. Cook, T. Wojno, J. Turnbol, K. Loudermilk, Coach Colias.



Memorable Moments

- Tim Wojno and Jason Spoljoric both qualify for Semi-State.
- Mark McCullough is elected as a tri-captain as a junior.
- Pre-sectional party complete with loud music, strob lights and what every party needs: Port-A-Pits- yes- Port-A-Pits.

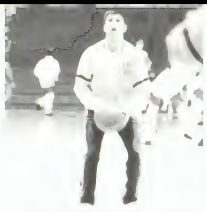






◆ Junior Dave Bartlett prepares to take on his opponent in his weight class.

◆ Scottie Mulcahey watches his teammate win while waiting for his match.



Concentrating on scoring the extra point, junior Mike Golumbeck prepares to shoot. Mike was the high scorer in regionals.

Guarding the opponent closely, senior Jerry Woodward tries to keep the CP Bulldog in his pen- where he belongs.









Varsity Row 1: M. Golumbeck, D. Boersma, T. Skertich, B. Zygmunt, D. Schaffer, M. Rybicki, J. Quigg, J. Stewart, M. Graziani, A.Keightley, M. Ruzanski, J.Woodward.Row 2: K. Loane, B. Labus, C. Heath. Row 3: Coaches Elston, Urban, and Hedges.

JV Row 1: S. Shaginaw, C. Molnar, E. Negovetich, J. Elo, J. Woodward, T. Lane. Row 2: Coach Elston, B. Loane,N. Dwenger, B. Galic, N. Weyer, R. Opperman, P. Kallay.

Memorable Moments

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- ◆HighlandTrojans become 1991-1992 Sectional Champs
- ◆Highland defeats CP to make it to Holiday Tourney Finals
- ◆Trojans beat Bishop Noll and end losing streak

Call Them Champs!

Slow season start becomes runaway championship title

Saturday March 7, 1992 the Trojans took the court against the Lake Central Indians, defying all predictions.

The so called experts said it could never happen. The Trojans chuckled and walked away the Calumet Sectional Champions.

Positive thinking made it happen for Highland in the regular season and in the stunning 56-44 victory over a bewildered Lake Central.

As Jake Quigg knelt in the background , face in hands, waiting for the buzzer to sound Mike Golumbeck secured a win with two free throws.

The crowd moved closer to the court to wittness the final seconds of Highland history . This was only the second Sectional Championship for Highland, the last in 1981.

Trojans believed in themselves, trusted each other, and played their hearts out. "I can't say enough of our effort tonight", said Coach Urban.

After a tough regular season, the Trojans became the champs with their stunning Sectional play. Thanks men for letting us *Talk a Blue Streak*!

◆ Ed Klapak

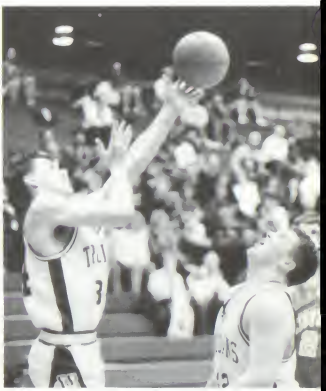


Senior Doug Schaffer shoots for the basket against CP's defensive Center. Doug was the starting forward throughout the year.

Todd Skertich dared to make the shot from over 15 feet. Years of practice paid off when the ball found its way through the hoop with three seconds left.







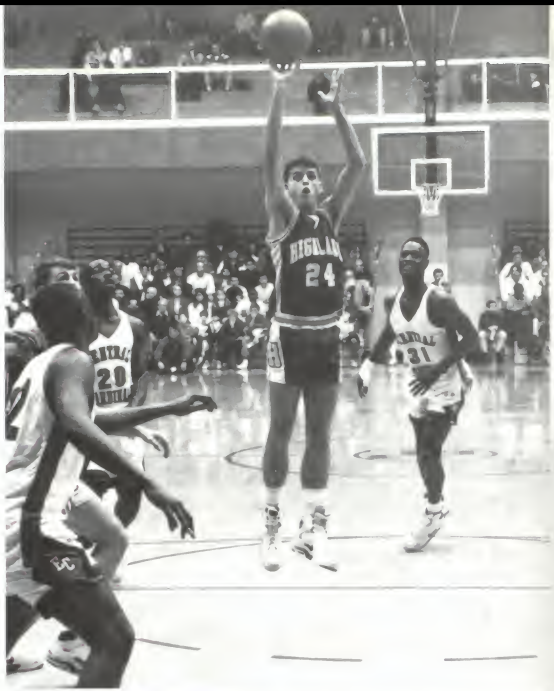
Few moments like these have been captured on film. It takes a close team to be sectional champs. Definitely a Kodak moment!

Jake Quigg protects Doug Schaffer's hook shot. If by some odd chance it didn't fall, Jake was there to pick up the rebound. Nice team work!

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Mike Rybicki scores two against East Chicago in first game Regional action. Mike was a consistent star of this year's Trojans.

Below, scenes from the pep rally and Munster game show Highland's strong spirit on and off the basketball court.









Trojans Rout LC Indians

Munster, Lake Central wins lead to victory in Calumet Sectional

There were few who gave Highland's Trojans any kind of chance into Calumet sectional.

Even with a by which gave the team its first game Friday night, many thought if Munster could be beaten, there would be no way the Trojans could stand up to the powerhouse Lake Central Indians.

So much for the experts.With a determined and motivated team taking overtime victory from Munster, Saturday night's championship game saw few from Highland in attendance. Most presumed it would be a rout, and even loyal fans didn't want to see the Trojans lose.

They missed an event. With steady play, the Trojans led from early in a rout of the Lake Central Indians. It was a small but enthusiastic crowd which helped the Trojans cut down the nets for only the second time in HHS history.

A week of celebration and spirit led to the Friday pep rally, which saw the school unite behind their team. Saturday's Regional game against East Chicago resulted in a loss, but only after another valiant, team-oriented effort.

Many will remember this team as the surprise kids; others will remember them for the true champions they have always been.





Jake Quigg goes for two over an East Chicago defender. After the Lake Central win, the Trojans had steam left for a real battle.

The joy of victory burst in tumult after the Trojans beat Munster, then Lake Central to nab the Calumet Sectional Crown.

◆ Kate Hullinger and Bridget Gordon wait for the rebound so they can take the ball down the court for 2 more points.

◆ Tri-Captain Bridget Gordon goes up for a shot after a strong rebound in the Highland/East Chicago game.







◆ Row1:K. Hullinger, J. Hall, B. Younkers, C. Ossana, K. Maicher, S. Galic, K. Phillips, B. Gordon. Row2: Coach Onoff, B. Timm, C.Greason, B. Caddick, J. Gray, S. Quigg, R. Mikuly, Coach Valiska.

◆ Row1: Amy Govert, T. Harris, J. Cunningham, M. Billedeau, T. Hart. Row2: Coach Richardson, K. Lane, L.Moore, S. Semko, M. Norris, A. McFarland, R. Mikuly.



Memorable Moments

- Highland beat biggest rival Griffith in a close game.
- Sylvia Galic makes 2nd Team All-Conference.
- The team's annual trip to state finals.
- CHIRP!

Ladies' Hoops

These ladies know how to hoop more than just earrings!

After last year's performance, no one expected much out of the Lady Trojans. They might not have gone to the final four or even won sectionals, but their hustle and determination definitely gave some teams a lot to think about.

The season proved to be a good one with wins against rivals Griffith, Wirt, Calumet, Lowell and Andrean.

Smiles could definitely be seen on the Lady Trojans faces when they drew Calumet in the sectional. After an easy defeat, the Lady Trojans were to face Munster. Although they showed great pride and gave Munster a run for their money, they kept the score within four until the last couple minutes. "I was really proud at our performance against Munster. We played hard. I'm really looking forward to next year's team", states coach Onoff.

There is a lot of hope for next year. The team will be losing three great seniors including leading scorer, Sylvia Galic. The hustle of Kate Hullinger and the rebounding of Bridget Gordon will also be greatly missed. There also will be a lot of new faces on the court next year.

The basketball season just wouldn't be complete without mentioning managers Bob Timm, Robert Mikuly, Charlie Mikuly and Andi Turczi.

◆ Brandy Younkers



◆ Senior Tri-Captains Sylvia Galic, Bridget Gordon,a dn Kate Hullinger led the Lady Trojans to an 8-11 record.



◆ Junior Julie Gray goes for another 2 points. She was named All-Conference.



◆ Anxious team members wait for the final outcome of the game.

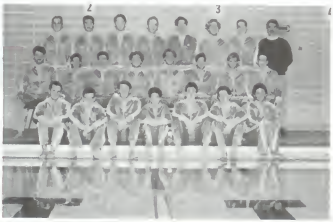








Swimming: Row 1: I. Kistler, D. DeSt.Jean, J. Johnson, R. Grau, M. Trudeau, J. Hope, J. Prosko Row 2: P. Callaway, I. Browski, T. Kutsher, R. Kussy, D. Damasius, W. Flanagin, D. Sieh, B. Stephens, Row 3: T. Czyszczon, M. Nackman, M. Deleget, M. Bakker, B. Buksar, B. Linebaugh, M. Rosenau, CoachToweson.



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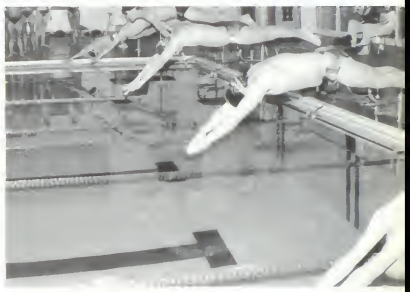
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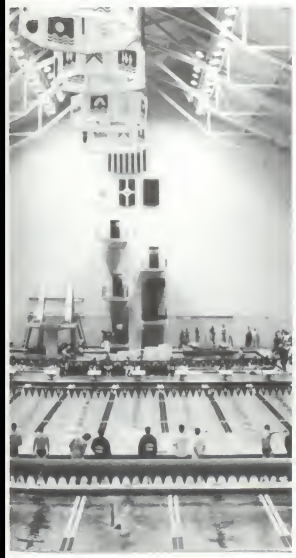
- Buksar broke over 12 HHS records
- The swim team placed Second in Sectionals
- This year there was no dreaded "Boat Load"



Far left, Matt Trudeau in a difficult race. Left, Bryan Buksar prepares for his last race as a Highland swimmer. Lower Left, Darron Damasius has a message on his swim cap, directed to "Dad".

Below, Mike Bakker gets off the blocks in strong style. As a senior, he is one of a few who closes his Highland swimming career in the pool which is soon to disappear through renovation. The new pool was begun in July of 1992.





Swimming

Making A Big Splash

Bryan Buksar leads Trojan swimmers to state finals

At 6 a.m. on a winter morning, where are you?

Probably sleeping in your nice, warm, soft bed.

Where are members of the boys swim team? They're in the water warming up for swim practice.

Coach Brian Toweson always states, "The water is at a cool 80 degrees this morning."

However, the coach is followed by, "Is that 80 degrees above or below zero?"

This year the Trojans were led by seniors Mike Barker, Briyan Bucksar, and Ryan Kussy. They finished the season with an 8-5 record, placed second in the sectional, and ranked 21st in the state.

The Indiana University/Purdue University Natatorium in Indianapolis is the site of the state swimming finals.

Some swimmers were fortunate enough to qualify and swim at the State meet. Highland sent down five upper classmen. Individual event swimmers were Brian Buksar in the 60 and 100 free, Tom Czyszcon in the 100 Back, and Mike Deleget in the 100 Breast. The state relay teams consisted of Mike Bakker and Brian Buksar, juniors Tom Czyszcon, Darron Damasius, and Mike Deleget.

Once again, the boys swimming team has upheld the strong HHS tradition and brought home the pride of the Highland Trojans.

This was the last year for the swimming pool as renovation began in April. The new swimming pool began construction July 1, and because of new state laws there was no diving for Highland teams this year. ◆ Paul Callaway

Junior Draga Culic waits to see where her ball will be returned.







Girls Ace Season

Sorota, Ferko, Kruger lead team through sectionals

After a slow start , the girls tennis team fought hard.

The team started off with two losses to Andrean and Portage but won their third match against Chesterton. For the next match the girls were defeated by Munster 2-3 but played well against the powerful team. Then they suffered a 1- 4 loss to Merrillville. Highland beat Calumet 3-2.

This year the varsity consisted of predominantly juniors. Strong players included Juniors Nancy Sorota, Draga Culic, Joanie Kruger, Avarie Wallner, and Heidi Fenstermaker. The four seniors remaining to lead the team were Amy Ferko, Jen Shea, Jen Komacko, and Danielle Kubacki.

The number one doubles team of Amy Ferko and Joanie Kruger and the number one singles player Nancy Sorota led the team to many victories. The girls were coached by Michelle Krusa.

The J.V. team had many new freshmen and sophomores.

◆ Arin Betchen



Avarie Wallner looks perplexed as she waits to return the serve.



Preparing for her next serve, returning senior Jen Shea focuses her concentration.



Amy Ferko slams a volley at the net to win the point at the Griffith match.

Girls Tennis: Row 1: J. Filipowitz, M. Bennington, A. Castillo, D. Bradley, A. Castillo, W. Kish, D. Nackman.: A. Wallner, S. Courtwright, H. Yanatakis, B. Barrett, A. Ferko, J. Komacko, N. Sorota, A. Hanak 3: D. Kubacki, J. Kruger, D. Herman, J. Bognar, D. Culic, B. Fritz, J. Shea, A. Hook. A. Betchen, H. Fenstermaker.





Memorable Moments

- ◆ Jen Shea's entertainment on the bus- Surf's Up!
- ◆ Indian runs to Merrillville (Quack Quack Waddle Waddle)
- ◆ Mother-Beater's Anonymous---Koopous

"Next year will be a good season because everyone has their feet wet and will know what to expect."

Alicia Castillo

Chris Swisshelm manuevers against Carl Tinsley of Lake Central in a winning effort.

Below, Mike Fisher sets for a shot against Lake Central.





Soccer

Getting Their Kicks

Team spirit brings enthusiasm for victory

"We're lucky to have soccer players at Highland; most schools just have people who play soccer. There's a great difference. We proved it," says Coach Scott Hankins.

Kyle Kasczmarek once again led the goal scoring this season. He broke the all-time record he had set last year! Mike Jasaitis also supported.

Milenko Vukas led the team this season with the support of juniors Simo Glumac, Bruan Butcher, and Chris Swisshelm. Upand coming sophomores are Jeremy Swisshelm, Phil Hasier, and Matt Benware.

Sophomore Mike Fisher has been credited as Best Defender.This year's freshman stand-out was James Parlor, who has been hailed by many as the best goalkeeper in the conference.

Coach said, "Highland finally proved they can play with anybody around. Our boys played more like a team than anyone we saw. No superstars here, just a bunch of guys who know what it takes to win."

◆ **Lisa Hepburn**



Above, and right, Simo Glumac, Chris Swisshelm, Milenko Vukas, Phil Hasier and the team see action.





Varsity Soccer: E. Olszewski, J. Parlor Row 1 N. Sellis, P. Haiser, M. Hefferman, M. McManus, M. Jasaitis, K. Kaczmarek, M. Benware, T. Jenkins, C. Swisshelm : Coach Hankins, C. Maloney, R.J. Heath, D. Zemaitis, J. Mitcheltree, M. Fisher, M. Vukas, S. Glumac, J. Swisshelm, B. Butcher, B. Galic, Coach Kime.

JV Soccer: Row 1M. Malone, J. Kazcka, D. Hugus, M. Lennehan, G. Blair, K. Walkowiak, J. Peters, T. Trivunovich Row 2: C. Maloney, D. Zemaitis, N. Sellis, J. Mitcheltree, E. Olszewski, J. Parlor, R.J. Heath, M. Hefferman, B. Galic, Coach Kime.





Memorable Moments

- Jasaitis' goal with 34 seconds left
- Coach Kimes' Bag Pipes warm up music
- Justin Foote's 'homemade' HHS spirit

"Using our talent, and with a little luck, we seem able to bring the Northern Cup to Highland"
Greg Blair

◆ A special thanks to Coach Hankins from the *Shield* Staff!

Track

Going For Gold

Scott, Kasbaum, Zakrzacki lead Trojan track teams

The girls and boys 1992 track and field team trained hard all season. All their hard work paid off with the boys winning their division in the Highland Invite and the girls taking two seconds in the Highland and Calumet Invites.

The girls track team had no problem with wins even with only two seniors, Monika Zakrzacki and Gwen Ellis. Monika was outstanding in distance often winning on her way to sectionals. Gwen helped teach the discus and shot putters how to throw to a victory.

Along with these seniors, the lower classmen had plenty of talent. They included juniors Tracy Kasbaum, Cari Brown, Holly Oprea, Kara Maicher, Myssir Isa, and Jessica Ferrell.

The sophomores and freshmen also contributed to the great season, including Kristy Lane and Jill Begala.

The boys track team was led by senior Larry Scott. He was outstanding in the 100 and voted most valuable. Josh Durham jumped 6'6", only 4 inches away from the record. Junior Mike Jasaitis scored points for the team with his victories in the mile.

Both teams combined with the talent of the members and the coaches have had memorable seasons. The performances have shown that all the hard work paid off. ◆ **Kara Maicher**



Junior Dave Bartlett placed first in the 300 low hurdles. He came in .25 seconds before the second place runner from South Bend.

Freshman stand-out Josh Durham came only four inches away from the record with his jump of 6'6". His average jump is 6'6".







Captain Larry Scott placed first at the Highland Invite in both the 100 and 200 meter sprints. Larry led the boys through the '91-'92 season.

Senior Captain Monika Zakrazacki led the girls in both cross and track seasons. She excels at the 1600 and 3200 meter races.

Boys Track: Row 1: E. Ellis, J. Jones, L. Scott, V. Tabor, M. Jasaitis, J. Peters, B. Ehlin Row 2: J. Hampstra, T. Summers, T. Gordon, T. Martin, M. Murzyn, D. Johnston Row 3: S. Tucker, K. Loudermilk, M. Metrick, S. Dopkor, D. Bartlett, M. Tordocevich, N. Dwenger Row 4: J. Kaczka, J. Durham, T. Vutcher, S. Jackson, B. Graziani Coaches T. Summers, R. Espitia, J. Milligan

Girls Track: Row 1: A. Fozkos, J. Korzniewski, K. Lane, J. Petska, J. Wolendowski, T. Kasbaum, M. Isa, J. Walter, S. Dudash, K. Colter. L. Lane, S. Bateman, M. Zakrzacki, J. Begala, D. Conn, B. Tabor, L. Loscalzo, K. Bannister, M. Zimmerman, A. Zygmunt Row 3: K. Phillips, A. Zakrzacki, L. Cichon, C. Brown, S. Smothers, V. Troppman, S. Kulczyk, R. Schmal 4: J. Evanoff, Coach Furman, L. Strickhorn, M. Condes, J. Ferrel, L. Ellis, G. Ellis, R. Vanderbilt, D. VanDeil, C. Kenders, G. Giovenelli, K. Herald, K. Maicher, J. Sowinski, N. Boutros, M. O'Toole, Coach Valiska.





Memorable Moments

- Myssir Isa voicing her opinion at Coach Furman's infamous lecture
- Boys ran away with first at the Highland Invite
- Coach Valiska displaying his gymnastic ability with cartwheels down the track

"We had a young team, but we proved ourselves. It just goes to show it's not age or even necessarily experience, it's determination."

Larry Scott
Captain

Coach Stein discusses plans for the final inning with starting pitcher Janet Reichmuth at the Munster game.





Softball

Offense Shines

Andrean upset provides confidence for win streak

The Softball team got off to a good start despite the odds. The season began battling conference foes L. C. and Griffith.

During spring break they were unable to play because of heavy rains. That made their season very busy. With the help from new varsity coach Gerry Stein and junior varsity coach Jeff Bence, the girls did their best.

Captain Kate Hullinger and senior co-captains Janet Reichmuth and Kathy Nemcek helped lead the team. Janet, the number one starting pitcher got the team through the rugged spring.

This year's team was made up of eight seniors. The pitching was strong with the help from sophomore Lisa Banas, and freshman Sarah Menke. They both helped Janet on the mound.

Their biggest defeat was overcoming the weather. However, they were able to pull out from it in Lafayette. They shutout Lafayette Jefferson 8-0.

The J.V. team has a promising future. The majority of the team are strong freshmen. Coach Jerry Stein commented, "I'm really looking forward to the upcoming year. ◆ **Tanya Harris**



Senior Nikki Lee is the starting first baseman as well as one of Highland's strongest hitters.



Co-Captain Kate Hullinger hits another famous double resulting in two more RBI's.

Annamarie Horn fires a bunt down to second base whereKathy Nemcek tags the first base runner out and completes the double play by getting the batter out at first.







Senior starting pitcher Janet Reichmuth has pitched for Highland all four years. Janet is also Valedictorian.

Varsity Row 1: K.Nemcek, N. Lee, L. Banas, K. Hullinger, T. Harris, R. Aspan, J. Reichmuth, A. Horn. Row 2: Coach Stein, C. Ossanna, J. Adams, K. Cowgill, D. Figlio, M. Oliver, R. Burge, C. Koslowski, R. Mikuly.
JV Row 1: K. Smith, M. Guiden, L. Montalvo, A. Govert, A. Evilsisor, M. Kantowski, H. Skertich, Coach Bence, S. Menke, M. Howell, J. Matthews, A. McFarland, J. Bogus, C. Johnson.





Memorable Moments

- Victory over Lafayette Jefferson
- The feast before the games
- Card games on the bus
- Visiting the farm in Calumet

"It felt good."

That was all Danielle Figlio had to say about being the first to hit two consecutive homers out of the field.

Three Strikes! Yes!

Ochman,Quigg teach rookies HHS tradition

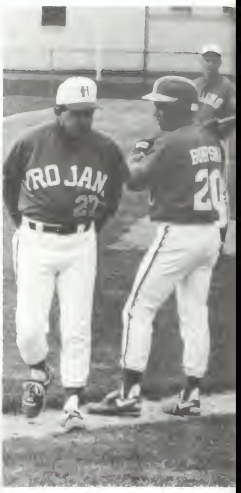
The baseball team began the season with hopes to follow in the footsteps of the '91 team. The end results were some tracks of their own.

The Trojans began showing why they went to the final four last year by beating Lake Station 22-0 in their first road victory.

The baseball team has the fullest schdule of all the varsity sports , with a total of 31 games. Playing this many games can hurt a team without strong pitching rotation. That's not the case for Highland, with Mike Harwood, Bruce Ivers, Chris Dunn and ace Steve Ochman on the mound.

To blend this talent, and a strong offense, it takes a coach with knowledge, ability to discipline, and a good heart and a desire to win. These characteristics fit Highland's Coach Dan Miller perfectly. He was named last year's Indiana Baseball Coach of the Year.

◆ Kara Maicher



Last season's Indiana Coach of the Year Dan Miller advises Doug Boersma on how to bat against a leftie. Miller is also pictured below.





Jerry Woodward proved a solid bat and a strong, wise catcher for this year's Trojans.



Below, left, Jake Quigg plays an attentive infield role. He was also a powerhouse at the plate for the Trojans.

Steve Ochman was Highland's ace and was considered the strongest pitcher in the area.





Strong team spirit was another factor in the great Trojan success this season.

Varsity: Row 1: Coach Dan Miller, L. Meding, J. Quigg, D. Boersma, B. Ivers, M. Rybicki, J. Sanchez. 2: B. Johnson, B. Spoljoric, K. Maicher, S. Chicki, C. Dunn, S. Ochman. 3: J. Quenzler, S. Shaginaw, J. Govert, M. Harwood, P. MacCartney, J. Woodward. *JV:* Row 1: G. Bell, T. Caddick, B. Watroba, M. Klakowski, M. McCullough, D. Geyer, P. Gavranic, B. Toth. 2: M. Gembolis, Coach Huppenthal, J. Elo, J. Spoljoric, B. Loane, C. Orrick, N. Pierson, K. Loane, D. Winchell. *9th Grade:* Row 1: T. Doffin, J. Serbenta, P. Gavranic, R. Adkins, T. Fender, R. Horka, Y. Isa, J. Kolseck. 2: B. Cabrera, C. Mullins, F. LaSota, S. Severson, B. Kuchenberg, J. Jemko, Coach Huppenthal, M. Gembolis.







Memorable Moments

- Coach Miller and Coach Medings exciting drives to the away games
- Steve Ochman leading to victory against rival pitcher Chip Petit
- Victory over Crown Point

'Scottie'

A Great Fan And Trainer

Scott White leaves HHS a great legacy

"Students seem to talk to me because I'm not a teacher. They seem to feel more comfortable around me." Highland High School trainer Scott White considers it all part of the job. Whether he's taping an athlete for a big match or giving advice to the refs at a home basketball game, Scottie seems to do whatever he can to help.

Scott White, sometimes referred to as Scottie, has kept the athletes at Highland healthy. Junior Brian Linebaugh says, "Scottie tapes a mean ankle, and is an asset to our school."

Scottie was at most of the home athletic events, prepared to help an injured player. He was often on the sidelines as Highland's biggest fan.But this year we lose this asset to our school, because Scott White is leaving to take another job.

Scottie did not just have an influence on athletes at Highland. He also has influenced some students to consider sports medicine. One student he has influenced is Brian Labus. "Working with Scottie has made me become interested in sports medicine not only because he helps people, but also because he enjoys his job."

Scottie first started his studies at Iowa University, where he majored in biology. He received his masters degree at Mankato State . He was one of the most loved and well respected employees ever to work for Highland High School. He is also probably the best fan any home team could ever have.

◆ **Kara Maicher**





On the sidelines at athletic events as a trainer, inspiration and true fan, Scott White has given much to the Highland athletic programs.



Golf

Tee Time

Wleklinski leads strong group of young Trojan golf team

This year the golf team got off to a slow start, but soon each golfer improved his game. "The team has excelled in every match this year," states Jason Rozanski.

Captain and only senior on the team Dave Wleklinski shot 77 and won overall medalist in an invite at Curtiss Creek. He was a top golfer, as well as Tony Lane who shot 37 on 9 holes in the oopening match of the season.

While the Trojans' home course is Scherwood, they also traveled to the Rensssaeler Invite and the Curtiss Creek invite. Tony Lane, Dave Wleklinski, Mike Wtatt and Mike Golumbeck were all outstanding for the strong Trojan golf squad.

◆ **Mary Johnson**

Golf: Row1: N. Weyer, K. Price, A. Van Prooyen, R. Markley Row 2: Coach Dan Richardson, M. Wyatt, T. Lane, D. Wleklinski, B. Zygmunt, M. Golumbeck, J. Rosanski, T. Giba.



Memorable Moments

- Getting new shirts
- The Andrean Upset
- Personal bests
- The great van rides

"This was a good year. We grew as individuals and as a team"











Talk About The Best

Forecast: sunny and pleasant



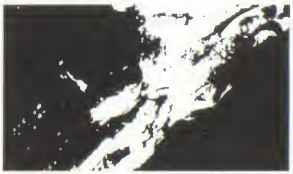
It's the people that make any situation. For better or for worse, a person's attitude or personality can shine sunlight on a situation, or cast a cloud over the day.

Even in the worst of situations, being with someone funny can lighten up the mood. Time spent on tedious tasks seems to go much quicker with a good attitude. Maybe the seven dwarfs had the right idea with their "whistle while you work" philosophy.

A positive self-image radiating confidence has been proven to actually generate confidence from others. The old theory of believing in oneself before others can believe still holds true. Of course everyone has down days, but with the help of others, every day can be brought up. All it takes is a few good people.

Life's forecast is sunny and pleasant for anybody who decides to make it that way. Happiness is a state of mind greatly influenced by the attitudes and reactions of the people around. It's not enough to talk about being the best, it's got to happen. Believing in the possibility is a great place to start, but there comes the time when it's time to quit talking a blue streak, and go with the gold.

Senior guys let everyone know Highland is Number One at the Munster game. Josh Biancardi's senior picture shows his lighter side.



The Start of Senior Year . . .

A year to set the memories for a lifetime



With the approach of senior year, the many tensions and pressures also give way to the elation of finally being the top people in the school.

Senior year brings the pressures of college plans and trying to make money stretch over all the needs of present and future, yet it is also a time when people find they are sharing their last year together in the school environment.

Knowing that this is the last time one will see his or her friends on a daily basis — probably for the rest of his or her life — gives a special quality to the friendships which have grown over the years. For some the friendships begun in grade school are finally reaching an end. For some, there will never be an end.

Brian Hakes and Mike Graziani share some time on the benches, a popular senior sport.

TOP TEN HANG OUTS

1.BK
2.Jedi's
3.Football games
4.Friends houses
5.The Mall
6.Pierson's
7.The Grim Reaper's (Parents travel plans permitting)
8.White Castle
9.Pizza Hut
10.Work

TOP TEN COLLEGES

1. I.U.
2.Ball State
3.Purdue
4.PUC
5.Chicago University
6.Notre Dame
7.Indiana State University
8.Northwestern
9.DePaul
10.Berkely

Top Ten Movies

1.Ghost
2.Pretty Woman
3.People Under The Stairs
4.Child's Play 1,2,3
5.Terminator 2
6.Boyz in The Hood
7.My Girl
8.Lambada
9.Freddy Krueger movies
10.Cape Fear

The CLASS of '92!

At last it comes down to the last precious days!

With the ending of senior year come many memories, as well as recollections of the times we'll be talking about the rest of our lives.

The four years at Highland High brought many changes — in the school in in our own lives. From the days we first tentatively walked the halls as green freshmen, through the sophomoritis days, and on into the year we become upperclassmen — all have gone into our memory banks.

The hard times have somehow gotten lost in our memories, and if we want to move on in a positive way, we look instead to those good times of new understanding, the feeling of real accomplishment after a job was done well, and the friends who have helped us, taught us, and believed in us through these four years.

The Class of '92 learned a lot from the books, but we learned more from the people who taught us to live.

We Dare To Dream

We Dare To Dream





Suzy Adad: *Shield* 3-4, Theater 2-3, FHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Q & S 3-4. **Jill Adams**: Softball 1-4, Cheerleaders 1-4, B.ball1, Diving 2, V.ball 1, Spanish Club 3-4. **Meena Ahmadzai**: Aud. 2-4, Key Club 2, *Trojanl* 3;4, SC 4, French Club 1-4, FHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Sp. Club 3;4, SHS 4, Theater 2-4, *Mirage* Editor 4. **Despina Amanitidas**: Aud 2, SC 4, Letter 1, Sp. Club 3-4, Theater 1-4, SHS 3-4, Chorus 1-4. **Jon Aros**: Tennis 2-4, NHS 4, Spanish Honor 4.

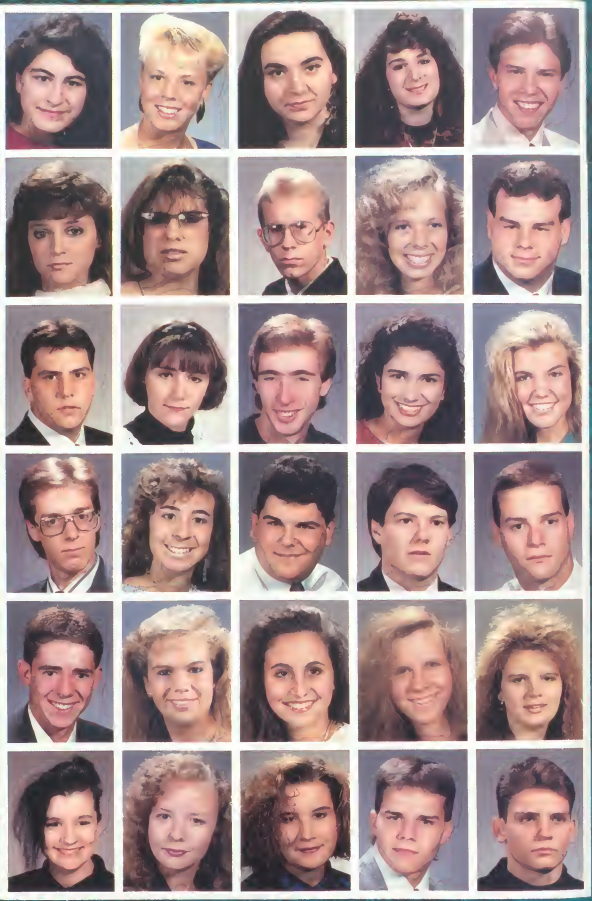
Rachelle Aspen: Cross Country 1-3, Track 1-3, NHS 3;4, SHS 2-4, Prom Queen 3, **Beckie Bailes**: Aud. 1 3, Key Club 3, *Trojanl* 3-4. **Mike Bakker**. Student Council 3-4, Swimming 1-4. **Cindy Banas**: Theater 2-4, Marjorettes 2-4, Marching Band 2-4. **Darren Banasiak**: Track 1-3.

Tim Bannon: Football 1-4. Wrestling 1. **Denise Barton**: Aud. 1, German Club 1-2, Marching Band 4. Orch. 1-4(pres)_. **Chad Bates. Mia Bayer** Swimming 2, Ger. Club 2, **Tracy Bazarko**: Key Club 3-4, Cheerleader 3, Lettergirls 1, Swimming 2-3, Track 1, Ger Club 2-4, GHS 3-4, Chorus 4, Concert, Marching Band 1.

Michael Beko: Theatre 2-4. **Kristen Berdis**: BPA3-4, Spanish Club 4, SHS 2, NHS 3-4. **Seth Berger. Brian Bergner**: GermanClub 2, Theater . **2-3**, Concert, Marching Band 1- 4. **Josh Biancardi**: Track 3.

Jon Biesen: Basketball 1. **Jennifer Bohling**: NHS 3-4, SHS 2-3. **Sara Boik**: Key Club 4, Student Council 4, CC 3, Gym. 2, Track 3. **Kristi Bondra**: BPA4, Chorus 1. **Samantha Boyan**: FHS 2-4.

Jennifer Brommels: Sight & Sound2;3(pres.)**Ruthanne Brosseau**: Aud 2-4, **Teresa Bryant**: Aide 2. **Mike Burke**: Recon. 3-4. **George Buck**: Football 1-3, Swimming 3, Track 4, Wrestling 1, Theater 4.



Seniors lead way in spirit, friendship

Decorated clothes and tons of spirit. That would be a good description of the annual rivalry game between Highland and Munster.

The tradition dates back to the early days of both schools. Bragging rights to a bridge and a better team are the stakes for this game of pigskin.

Spirit is the key to the motivation of the teams and schools. Ability alone will not win the 'Battle of the Bridge', desire and ability will.

During the week of the bridge battle spirit runs rampant through the halls of HHS. It pulls the student body together and boosts morale.

When the moment of truth arrives, the loudest, most spirited crowd wins the battle. The football game is just to make it official. And in it all, the seniors show the way. In friendship, spirit and sharing, it's all the same.

◆ Mark Sharp



Chuck King and Suzy Adad share the friendship of spirit and sharing interests.



Lois Burkman: Track 2, BPA 4, German Club 1, Maj. 2, Marching Band 2-3. **Bryan Bucksar:** Swimming 1-4, Art HS 2 4. **Tracy Campos:** Cross Country 2-3, Track 1-4. **Doug Carnett:** Track 1. **Maureen Carroll:** Student Council 3;4, *Shield* 3, Track 1, Ski Club 3.

Phil Cartwright: Red Ribbon Week Coordinator, 3-4, Snowflake, Snowball. **Russ Ceperich:** Key Club 2-4, Soccer 1-4, German Club 1-2, Speech & Debate 3; Concert Band 1, Marching Band 1. **Angie Chandler:** FHS 2 4. **Jacki Cianchetti. Tina Condes:** Aud 1, Spanish Club 3-4, Theater 1-3, SHS 2-4, Chorus 3-4.

Rob Conley: Basketball 1-3, Cross Country 1-4, Track 4. **Amber Cook**: Theatre 1-2, Aud. 1-3, Thespians 2-3, GHS 2-4, Flags 1-3, Maj. 3,

Rosie Cook: Student Council 2, Cheerleader 1 -4, Diving 2. **Michelle Cseri**: Swimming 1-4, Track 1-3, FHS 2 4, NHS 3-4.

Sarah Damianiak: Aud 2;3, BPA 3-4, Theater 2-3. **Debbie Degand**: Art HS 4.

Bob De La Paz. Chris DeVries: Aud 1-4, Student Council 2-3, Swimming 1, Theater.1 -4, Concert, Marching Band 1-4.

Michael Dorsey. Bridget Doyle: FHS 3-4. **Becky Durey. Elizabeth Escy:** Aud. 2-4, Key Club 1-3, *Trojanal* 3, Cheerl.1, Speech & Debate 2-4, Theater 1- 4, NHS 3;4, Q&S 2-3, SHS 2-3, Chorus 2-4. **Mark Edwards**: Basketball 1, Football 2-4, Track 1-3, GHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Hockey 3-4.

Kelly Egan: Key Club 2-4, SC 4, Fr. Club 3-4, Theater1-4, FHS2-4, NHS3-4, Chorus 1-4, Maj.1. **Rick Ehlin:** B.ball 1-4, German Club 2-3. **Gwen Ellis:** KeyClub2-4, SC 4, CC 3, Track 2-4, Fr. Club 1-4, FHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1. **Laura Escabedo**: Sp. Club 2-3, Theater 1. **Dawn Fanning:** Aud 1-4, SC 2-4, German Club 2, Speech & Debate 1-4, Theater 1-4 (pres.)



Social lives change as years move on

Freshman year brought with it the excitement of basketball games and other school affiliated activities. Sophomore year differed. Not all people still wanted to go to games and dancesl.

In junior year these things start to get old. Some people go to the game, that is if there's nothing better to do. By Senior year, most students grow sick of the game/dance scene and aviod it at all costs. Senior Patti Olson thinks, "Instead of being seen at the game, you'd rather spend time with close friends."

The social lives of upperclass-men also differ. Older students have the tendancy to venture out of Highland and associate more with people from Munster and Griffith.

It is obvious that as prioroties and responsibilities change, so do the many other aspects of life.

◆ **Arin Betchen**

Corky Heath and Jake Quigg leave many memories of what caring and sportsmanship are all about.



Good Sports — Corky and Jake





Chuck Fenolio. Amy Ferko: Basketball 1, Tennis 1-4, Vball 1-3, Spanish Club 4(treasurer), NHS 3-4(vp), Spanish Honor 2-4, Homecoming Queen 4.

Danielle Figlio: Key Club 3-4 , Softball 2-4, B.ball 1-2, Spanish Club 3-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4.**John Filipowicz**

Chris Fisher: Aud2-4, *Shield* 3-4, Football 1-4, Theater2-4, French Club 4.**Julie Flores.**

Kelly Foster: Swimming 1-2, BPA 4, Spanish Club 3. **Joanna Fozkos**: Student Council 2-3, CC 2, Track 1-2, V.ball 1, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-3, Concert Band 1,

Danielle Francueur: Aud.3, B.ball 1-2, CC 3, Trk 2-4, Sp. Club 1-3, SHS 2-3, Chorus2-4. **TomFrankiewicz:**Pres.S C,Sp.Club24VP4,CC1,Track1,Swimming 2-4. **Sylvia Galic**: Key Club 4, *Shield* 3, B.ball 1-4, Tennis 2 -4, Sp. Club 1, NHS 3-4(Pres.), SHS2 4, Turnabout queen. **Jill Gatlin:** Ski Club 3, Chorus 1-4, **Laurie Gavranic**: Aud 2. B.ball 1.

Scott Gessner. Clarissa Gilbert: Key Club 3-4, Spanish Club 3, SHS 3-4. **Adalia Gonzalez. Ben Gonzalez**: Aide 3;4. **Harold Goodwin**: Golf 1-4.

Seniors say . . .

'Keep Your Dreams Alive!

One thing seniors have learned as they near high school graduation is to never let dreams die.

From the days of freshman year and through many challenges, goals have been reached and victories have been met. Sophomore year wasn't so bad, and junior year brought much recognition and joy.

Senior year also brings new dreams which reach far beyond graduation. Yet now the message is clear -- the dream, when a goal, can become a reachable star.



Jen Shea, Melissa Lockrey, and Nikki Lee know to keep sprits high as they dream of future accomplishments.

Bridget Gordon: Basketball 1-4, Track 2. **Phil Gray. Mike Graziani:** Key Club 3-4, SC 1-4, B.ball, 2-4, F.ball 1-4, Track 1-4, Sp. Club 3-4, Speech & Debate 2-4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4. **Joey Griffen**: Track 2. **Marjorie Grimmer**: Key Club 3, SC 1-4, *Shield* 1-3;4 (assoc.ed.), CC 1, Lettergirls 2, Mat Maids 4, Track 3, French Club 1, Ski Club 3, Q&S 2-4 (treas.), Class VP 4.

Brian Hakes: Football 1-4, Track 1-4. **Mike Hamacher**: B.ball 1, Football 1. **Aaron Hanson**: Swimming 1-2. **Rob Hansen**: Tennis 4, French Club 1 4, FHS 4. **Jason Hassell.**



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Jennie Havlin: Aide 3.**Tom Hayward:** Aud 1-4, SC 2-4, Theater 1-4, Art HS 2-4, NHS 3-4. **Corky Heath:** Key Club 3-4, Manager: B.ball 2-4, Basketball 1-4, Football 2-4, German Club 3-4. **Jason Helton. Craig Henman:** Track 1.

Lisa Hepburn: *Link* 3-4, *Shield* 2-4 (Editor), SC 3-4(v.p.), Sp. Club 2-4, SHS 3-4, NHS 3-4, Q & S 3-4(Pres.4), HC Court. **Stacey Hepp:** CC 1-3, Mat Maids 2, Track 2-4, Art HS 3-4. **Don Herald:** F.ball 1-4, Track 3-4, Wrestling 2-4. **Jorie Herring:** Track 1, Sp. Club 2-3, Art HS 2-4, Maj. 2-3. **Kate Hullinger:** SC 2, S.ball 1-4, B.ball 1-4, V.ball 1-4, Sp. Club 1-4, SHS 2-4.

Kim Hurtt: Basketball 1, Tennis 2, BPA 4.**JennJarmula***Link* 1-4 (Editor),Spanish Club 2-3, Ski Club 3, Q & S 1-3;4(vp). **Tommy Jimenez:** Baseball 1-2. Wrestling 3. **Becky Johnson:** Aud 2, French Club 2, Theater 2, FHS 1-3, NHS 3-4. **Jaime Jones:** Aide 4, F.ball 1-4,Track 3-4, Wrestling 1, Art NHS 2-4.

Jon Jones: Football 1-4, Track 3-4, Wrestling 1.**Amy Joseph:** Key Club 3-4, Gym.1-3, Mat Maids 1 -4, **Dave Kaczka:** Key Club 1, SC 1-2, Spanish Club 3. **Julie Kalis:** Gymanstics 1-2, Swimming 2,3, BPA 1, French Club 4, FHS 3-4. **Jason Kasbaum:** Track 1, Wrestling 1-4.

Shannon Keil: Softball 3, Basketball 2, Mat Maids 2, **Justin Kerber:** Aud 2, SC 3-4, Speech & Debate 1-4, Theater 2.**Dan Kesic:** Soccer 1-4. **Charlton King:** Wrestling 1.Swimming 4.**Kathy Klocek:** German Club 2-3, Chorus 1.

Lori Kocon: SC 4, Sp. Club 4, Theater 2-4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, Concert Band 1, Maj. 1 3-4(capt.) **Jennifer Komacko:** Key Club 3, Gym's 3, Tennis 3-4, French Club 2-3, Concert Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-3.**Donna Kosier:** Sp. Club 1-2, Cheerleading 1. **Carrie Kozlowski:** B.ball 1-2, Sp. Club 4, SHS 3-4.**Danielle Kubacki:** Key Club 3, Tennis 3-4.

Mike Kulak: SC 2, Speech &Debate 1-3;4(vp).**Ryan Kussy**:Swimming 1-4, SHS 3-4. **Brooke LaBorde:** Lettergirls 2, Mat Maids 2-4, Chorus 1-4, **Michelle Laciak**: Key Club 3-4, Basketball 1-3, Spanish Club 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4, NHS 3-4. **Marcus Lackey.**

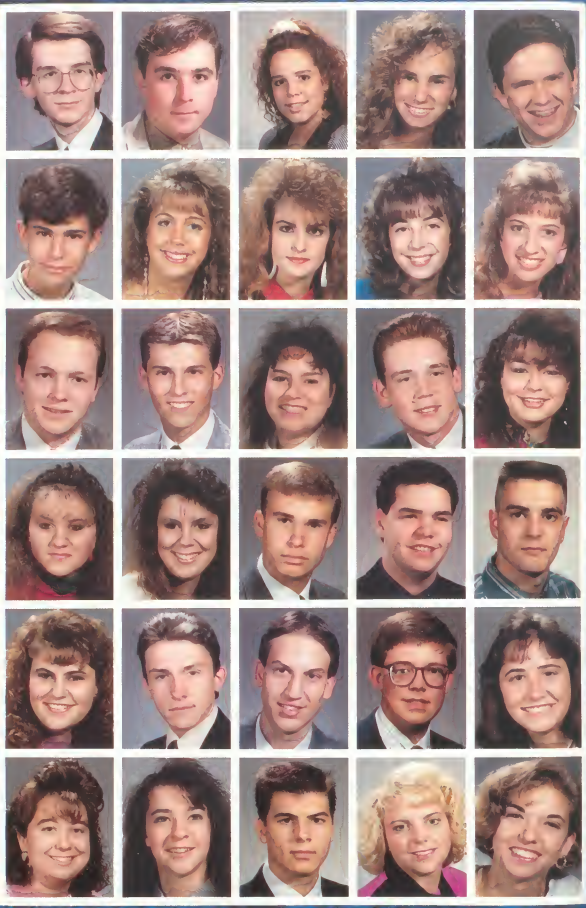
Kent LaFlech. Nikki Lee: Key Club 1-4, Softball 2-4, Basketball 1, Volleyball 2-3, Class Treasurer 1 4.**Melissa Lockrey**: Cheerleaders 2, Theater 1-4, Chorus 1-4, Maj. 1.**Carla Locasto**: Mat Maids 2. **Juli Matulis:** Cheerleaders 3-4, Shield, 2-3, SHA 4, 4, (sec)Q&S 3, NHS 3-4.

Michael Lieberman. Jason Madison: Wrestling 2, NHS 3-4, SHS 3-4.**Rene Maggie. Kellen Maicher:** *Shield* 4, Football 1-4, Track 1, Wrestling 2, Art HS 3-4, NHS3-4.**Amanda Martinez**: Aud 2-3, SC 1-2, Theater 2-3, Chorus 2-4.

Angie Matthews: Chorus 2-3. **Kristen Matusiak. Jeff May**: Football 1-4, Baseball 1.**Mike McArdle**: Basketball 1-2, Football 1-2.**Don McCain.**

Erin McGroarty: Spanish Club 3-4. **Brian McLain**: 100% Club 1. **Mike Michalak**: Aud 1-2, Speech & Debate 3-4.**Robert Mikuly**: Perfect Att.1-4. **Barbie Miller**: Aud Crew 1-4,SC 3, French Club 1, Theater 1-4.

Janice Moore: Sp.Club 1-3, NHS 3-4, **Danny Moulesong**:Swim'g1-2,French Club 1-2,Sp.Club1-2, Fr. NHS4,Concert/ MarchingB.d1-3;4(capt.) F.ball 1-3. Fr. Club 2, .**Mark Nackman**:SC1-3;4(parl.), F.ball 1-2, Swimming 4, BPA 3, Ger. Club 2-3, AcaDeca 3, Speech & Deb.1-4 (pres.)ClassPres.4.**Laura Napawocki**: Aud. 1-2, Cheerldrs.1,Sp.Club3, Art NHS 1-4, Maj. 2-4. **Jen Nielsen**: SC3-4, Ger. NHS3-4, NHS3-4, Art NHS 1;2(Sec.);3(treas.);4(vp).





College --
An investment in the future we plan today

The symptoms of stress surround those seniors preparing to go to college.

Costs are the real hurt for most people, due to the fact that college is one of the largest financial burdens that you may ever deal with. College is an investment on the rest of your life. Therefore, be very careful on going about choosing the right school for you.

According to guidance counselor, Mr. Jerry Hedges, staying in state is extremely helpful on yourpocketbook. Going to a state instead of a private school helps because it could save you much in tuition costs. "Tuition almost doubles when the schools are private and in another state," emphasizes Mr. Hedges.

Room and board, another college expense if you are away from home, stays the sameAttending school locally helps take care of that problem.

◆ **Shawna Atkinson**

Senior Josh Biancardi has finished his class work. Now he stops to wonder about all the college costs which lie ahead of him.



Rich Novak:Football 1-2,Wrestling 4, Ski Club3.**Steve Ochman**:B.ball1-4; Soccer 1-4,Wrestling4Orch4.**Mike O'Conner**:Aud 1-2,F.ball 1,Swim'g 3,Theater 4 **Patty Olson**: Key Club 3-4, SC2-4, CC 2-4, Gym. 1,Track 2,V.ball 1,Ger. Club 2-4, Ger.NHS3;4(Pres.)NHS 3;4(Sec., Concert Band 1, class vp 2-3.**Brenda Oostman**: Ger. Club 1-2, Concert/Marching Band 1-4(Drum Major), Orch. 1-4.

Chris Ortiz. Mark Ortiz: Basketball 4, Football 4.**Candi Owens**: Lettergirls 3, Track 1.**Jennifer Poppalardo. Nikki Penwell**: Basketball 1, Theater Co. 1 3, Marjorettes 3.

Mike Petty. Tonya Pieters: BPA 4.**Kim Pokrajac:** Baseball 1.

Kim Pokrajac. Kim Polsinelli: Key Club 3, Volleyball 1, Spanish Club 2-3, SHS2 4, NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1.

Stephanie Pontow: Aud 1-4, Student Council 3-4, Theater1-4, Art HS 2-3;4(pres., **Lori Preston**: Gym.1, German Club 2-3, Theater 2-3, GHS 3-4.

Doug Price: Gerald Przewoznik.

Phil Quandt. Jake Quigg: Key Club 4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4, B.ball 1-4, NHS 3-4, SHS2-3, Homecoming King 4.**Tom Quinn**: Speech & Debate 4. **Carrie Raudonis**: Spanish Club 2-3, Theater 1. **Geoff Ravenscroft**: Baseball 1, B.ball 1.

Janet Reichmuth: Baseball 1-4, Spanish Club 4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, Chorus 1-4.**Fanny Reinholt**: Aide 3-4.**Lewis Reinholt**: Aud 2-4, Key Club 2-4, Spanish Club 4, Theater 2-4, Chorus 4.**Scott Richards:** Baseball 1, Golf 2.**Lourena Rico:** BPA 4.



Grades get serious as college beckons

Harvard, Stanford, Notre Dame, Purdue, Ball State, Kenmont, Loyola.

For many students, college is just a thought away. These thoughts may be good or bad and will vary from person to person.

Along with choosing a school and adjusting to all of the new surroundings, much thought and many new pressures may be brought on. Many students going away for college fear that they will be homesick, not make any new friends, get lost on campus, or just plain not fit in.

For many students the time has also come to put in those last minute college applications, fill out Financial Aid Forms, visit choice college campuses, and begin to realize that they're about to enter the "real world"

"It's all very confusing, it seems like the more you think about it, the more confusing it gets," says Senior Meena Ahmandzai. "Not all students will be attending college after graduation but will be attending trade schools or business schools instead."

◆ Karissa Trembicki

Senior Mark Rosenau joins his classmates in the hall after school, remembering what he needs to take home.







Lori Roe: Student Council 3-4, NHS 3-4, SHS 3-4, Class Treasurer 3.**Julie Rogers:** Track 2-3.

Mark Rosenau: Basketball 1, Golf 1-4, Swimming 1-4, Spanish Club 1-2, Art HS 1 4.**Don Rosenski**: Aide 4.

Chris Rosing. Mary Jane Rozanski: SC 3-4, Spanish Club 1;2, Ski Club 3, NHS 3-4, *Link* 4.

Amy Rudnick: Key Club 3-4, CC 2-3, Track 1-3, BPA 4.**Mike Rybicki**: Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, SHS 2-4, NHS 3-4.

Jennifer Samples: Volleyball 1. **Taunya Sanders**: Swimming 2, German Club 1. **Brian Sankowski**: Aud 2-4, Theater 2-4, Ski Club 3.**Linda Sarsian**: BPA 3-4.**Larry Scott:** Football 1-4, Wrestling 2.

Peter Sedrak: BPA 4, Theater 1-4.**Dean Sellis**: SC 2-4, Soccer 4,Tennis 1-2, Ger. Club 1, HTC 2-4, NHS 3-4, Chor. 4.**Mark Sharp**: *Link* 3-4,*Shield* 3. Q & S 3-4, B.ball 1-2, F.ball 1-2, Q &S2-4, Class VP 1.**Jennifer Shea**: SC 3-4, *Shield* 3, B.ball 1-2, Tennis 1-4, Orchestra 1-3, Class Pres.3 **Todd Skertich**: B.tball 1-4, CC 1-2.

Jennifer Smigla: Aud 2-3, Key Club 3, Marching Band 1-4, Maj. 3-4.**Mike Smith. Aubrey Sosnowski**: Basketball 1.**Peggy Spring**: NHS 3-4, SHS 2-3.**Brian Stephens**: Soccer 1-4, Swimming 2-4.

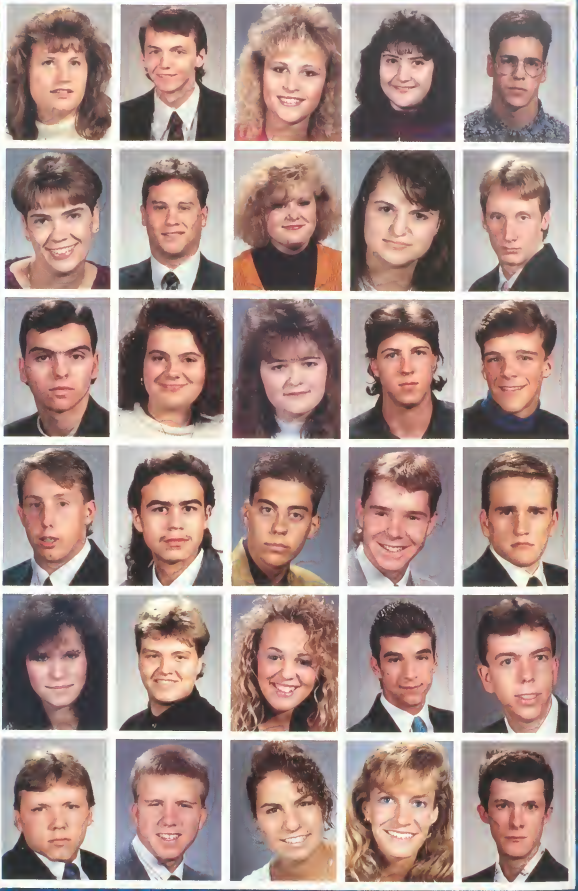
Krista Stewart: Spanish Club 3, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-3.**Keith Stiglitz**: Baseball 2, Football 1-3.**Kim Tapper**: Spanish Club 2-4, Chorus 1-4.**Marnie Tharp**: Chorus 1.**Bob Timm**: Football 1.

Marko Trivunovic: Soccer 1-4.**Carisa Troppman**: Key Club 3-4, Spanish Club 2-3, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, Orchestra 1-4.**Lisa Tucker**: Key Club 2. **Les Turbin. Mike Vanderbilt**: SC 4, CC 3-4, Acad.Dec. 4, NHS 3-4, Chorus 1, Concert Band 1.

Chris Vanderpool: Basketball 1.**Ray Velez**: Theater 4, *Link* 4.**Milenko Vukas**: Basketball 1, Soccer 1-4. **Brian Waldron**:Track 1, Wrestling 1-4. **Jason Waldron**: Baseball 1. Basketball 1, Football 1-4.

Suzanne Watson. Rob Weed. Dawn Wieland: 100% Club 1-3.**Scott Wisler**: NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-4.**Dave Wlekinski**:Baseball 1, Basketball 1, Golf 2-4.

Tim Wojno: Football 1-4, Wrestling 1-4, Soccer 1-4. **Jerry Woodward**: Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, NHS 3-4, SHS 3-4. **Monika Zakrzacki**: Key Club 3;4(sec.), Track 1-4, CC 1-4, German Club 3-4, Spanish Club 2, SHS 2-4. **Link** 4.**Tina Zimmerman**: Cheerleader 1-3;4(Captain), V.ball 1, German Club 1-4, German NHS 2-4, NHS 34(Trea.). **Alex Zsidai.**







John Zufall: Marching Band 1-4, Concert Band 1-3. **Julie Zurek:** Aide 4.

'91 -'92

The Year To Remember

It's the year of all years, the cream of the crop, the big kahuna, the creme de la creme, the . . .all right already — it's senior year!

This is the year looked foward to by all.

Freshmen and sophomores alike wait eagerly for their turn while juniors count the days when they think they can rule the school. Right now it's our year of glory and no one elses'.

For four years the same people have shared the joys, pains, laughter, and tears with each other chalking up a very long memory. But what does that memory consist of?

"The thing I think I'll remember most is the people, the ones I met, the ones I knew, and the stories I've heard." remembers Mark Sharp. For most, the memories of are things that were done.

Our second year here we started a grand tradition, the fall hayride. By senior year this hayride was mastered to an art of perfection, going to all extremes and having a blast.

Everyone will remember their high school years, and in twenty years probably will say a "When I was your age" story, but no one will ever forget the friends they had, the memories they shared, or the things they learned.

◆**Marge Gimmer**





Jill Adams and Tom Hayward smile toward the future from their senior special poses.



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Reflections continue through the years

Photo By Bob Skelly

Chi-Town

Bright Lights, Big City

Chicago has enough personality to attract all personality types.

As freshmen, many wondered, "Who is this Ed character that wants me to eat at his restaurant?" By senior year almost everyone has had the pleasure of at least one argument with a waitress in Ed's 50's cafe.

Time comes back to the present across the street in Hard Rock Cafe where hundreds of famous musician's relics can be inspected. Is it possible that Madonna actually fit her whole body into that little outfit hanging on the wall? The napkins are bigger! But, just the name Hard Rock draws a crouds.

The crowds also assemble in the fields: Wrigley, Sox, Marshall, and Soldier Fields. And how about 'Da Bears'? It was a long, cold winter. Maybe next year they will come out of hibernation a little more.

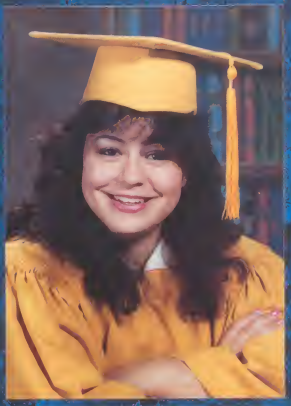
Michigan Avenue transforms into a Winter Wonderland at Christmas time. Marshal Fields is just one of the many stores. Bloomies saw its third Christmas while the Water Tower that survived the Great Chicago Fire also survived Christmas season in a recession.

Chicago made it through Christmas shopping, New Year partying, St. Patrick's green river, and another hot summer. It also made it through the Highland invasion after prom for a carriage ride and a view from the John Hancock. Like the pink energizer bunny, it keeps going, and going.

So do Highland's seniors. The Class of '92 made it through four years in these hallowed halls. When the seniors leave, they'll take the memories created within these halls. They'll be memories, like the rippling reflections of the bright lights cast on the water of the big city.

◆ **Lisa Hepburn**







Chris DeVries, Amanda Martinez and Amy Ferko represent The Class of '92.

President's Message

A Farewell Address

Four years ago, we embarked on a journey that has taken us a long way.

When we entered Highland High School as freshman, we were apprehensive about the future. We entered as children, and I feel that we are leaving as young adults.

When I reflect back on all the changes I've seen, I fall short of being able to express my feelings in words. So much maturation and growth has occured. So many conditions have changed. We've been educated under three different principals, several vice-principals, and a multitude of other faculty members, many of whom have changed our lives.

We may quite possibly be the last class to graduate from this building as it is now. We have suffered through a natural disaster, a war, and we have united under many common causes.

I speak of all of these things in the past tense, but do not be mistaken — this is just the beginning.

The Class of 1992 has much to be proud of, and I am confident that we will continue to achieve high standards in life. I will be eager to hear of everyone's progressions in life at our future class reunions.

Until that time, may the wind be always at your backs, and may all of us live long and prosperous lives.

Mark Nackman
President
Class of '92

The Start Of Something BIG

Class of '92 leaves HHS: both will never be the same

Memories arise as the final step of senior year comes around the bend.

For every different person comes a different memory. Wheher it be the football games, the lyp synch contest, or losing and regaining of the benches, memories will be held in the hearts of all.

Remember everyone going to the Def Leopard concert freshman year, leaving George Michael in the dugout? Sophomore year holds the memory of getting our first set of benches, but junior year we took them for granted and lost them. Remember the Depeche Mode concert of junior year and finally feeling the security of being with the older group?

And now, as we are the last class to leave the Highland High School that has stood for 35 years, we look to renovation in our own lives, too. Highland High will get a new look and new challenges.

So will we. Neither Highland nor the Class of '92 will ever be the same again. We'll both be better.



Class President Mark Nackman shares some memories with Jen Komacko, Chris Ortiz, Bridget Gordon, and Gwen Ellis.

Senior classes brought out the unique quality of individuals like Aaron Hanson and Elizabeth Ecsy.



The People Behind The Scenes

Dr. Philip E. Cartwright, Superintendent of Schools, has been the backbone of the financial and leadership effort for the high school renovation.

Right: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dennis K. Shawver. Below, Director of Personnel/ Labor Relations Mrs. Judith DeMuth and Mr. Michael Boskovich, Director or Auxiliary Services.









Meet

The Board of School Trustees



Judith Eller Bell
Member



Burton Masepohl
Vice-President



Lawrence Vassar
President



Harry Ranney
Secretary



Konnie Kuiper
Member

Administrators lead way into renovation process



There were many responsibilities Highland High School and School Town of Highland administrators had to oversee this year.

The biggest and most time-consuming project was the continuing work concerning the junior/senior high school renovation. After a year of meeting with staff personnel and drawing up plans, Dr. Philip E. Cartwright, Superintendent, and Dr. Renner Ventling, HHS principal, moved to make the school ready for the April 2, 1992 start date.

Dr. Cartwright was helped by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dennis K. Shawver, and Mrs. Judith DeMuth, Director of Personnel/Labor Relations. Mr. Mike Boskovich moved from the high school to be Director of Auxiliary Services, and oversaw the school system's computers.

Dr. Renner Ventling was helped by Assistant Principals Dr. Linda Anast and Mr. Michael Backes. Dr. Anast traveled to South Bend and Florida explaining Highland's success with *Project Focus*. Mr. Backes quickly became part of the Highland family in his first year at HHS.

As the school year moved along, all administrators helped teachers and students prepare for the renovation. Plans were made for alternate classroom sites, and students and teachers moved toward the remodeling with a good idea of what was to come.

Dr. Renner Ventling served his second year as Highland High School Principal, overseeing renovation plans and a sectional win.







Above, Dr. Linda Anast, Ms. Carol Talabay and School Board Vice-President Burton Masepohl explained the success of *Project Focus*. to Indiana educators in South Bend.

Left, Assistant Principals Mr. Michael Backes and Dr. Linda Anast served Highland well. They assisted with discipline, report cards, and curriculum planning for the future.

Mel Anderson, Math; **Catherine Berg**, English; **Marjorie Bluhm**, Art Coordinator; **Tim Borowski**, Business; **Cindy Boyd**, Math; **Ken Bye**, Athletic Coordinator

Mary Certa, French, **Dan Chapman**, Science; **Becky Damasius**, Home Ec; **Ken Darrow**, English; **Craig Deets**, Music; **Thomas Doukas**, Foreign Language Coordinator

Kenneth Dowdy, Art; **Jean Erhart**, Library; **Lee Farley**, Science; **Matt Figi**, Math; **Sally Fitch**, Art; **Douglas Fralinger**, Social Studies

Nancy Giddings, **Guidance**; **Jerry Hedges**, Guidance; **James Hill**, Business; **Betty Ivers**, English; **Larry Johnson**, Science; **Darrell Jones**, Math Coordinator,

Cynthia Kaluf, Math **Dennis Kaminski**, Spanish; **Gloria Karr**, English; **Gene Kelly**, Social Studies; **Charlotte Kessler**, Math; **Martin Kessler**, Math

Lynn Kimble, Special Ed; **Jan Konkoly**, Science Coordinator; **Brenda Larsen**, Home Ec; **Margaret Leahy**, Spanish; **Sandra Leeney**, Math; **Randall Lemon**, English

Elia Lopez, Spanish; **Barbara Lovin**, Business Coordinator; **Bill Martin**, English Coordinator; **Barbara Mayer**, Journalism/PR; **Jerry Mazur**, Science; **Doug McCallister**, Math

Corally McCann, Guidance Coordinator; **Judith Musselman**, English; **Kathy Olivotto**, Guidance; **John Onoff**, PE; **Douglas Pearson**, Ind. Arts; **Greg Petrin**, Social Studies

Bert Poi, Ind. Arts; **Debra Pullins**, English; **Ann Pyke**, English; **Dan Richardson**, Science; **Diana Rogers**, German; **Deborah Ryzewski**, PE










Karen Schaeffer, Orchestra; **Lynn Scheidel**, Spec. Ed; **Steve Scherer**, Music Coordinator; **Herb Schmidt**, Science; **Duane Sieb**, Building Trades; **Carolyn Slys**, English








Michael Sunny, Social Studies; **Alan Swenson**, AV; **William Thegze**, Math; **JoAnn Thompson**, PE; **Pam Wilson**, PE; **David Young**, Social Studies;



Karen Zendian, Business

They Make Learning Fun

Mr. Bandura, Ms. Bluhm retire; Mr. Chapman chosen Teacher of the Year

As with any career, there are times to build it, time to keep improving it, and also that special time to put it in the past and move on to other things.

This year there were many teachers and staff members who kept at building their academic strengths and professional skills, then translating them into their classrooms and educational roles.

For others, this was the year to claim retirement and move on. From the Central Administration, Mr. Joseph Bandura retired as Director of Buildings and Grounds. Some will also remember him as a past principal of Johnston Elementary School.

Retiring after years of service to fine arts education, Ms. Marge Bluhm leaves a legacy of students who are now professional artists and a curriculum guide to motivate teachers and students for years to come. Ms. Bluhm has been instrumental in placing much of the art around the high school building, and she retires with the good wishes of all who know her.

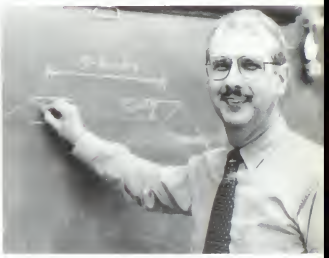
A special year in Mr. Dan Chapman's career also occurred in 1992. He was chosen Teacher of the Year by his fellow faculty members. In an award ceremony sponsored by Inland Steel, Mr. Chapman was recognized as one of Northwest Indiana's best teachers.

Mr. Dan Champan of the Science Department was chosen Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Marge Bluhm, art coordinator, retires after years of service to Highland schools.

Mr. Joseph Bandura retires as Director of Buildings and Grounds.







Donna Blair, Secretary/Receptionist; **Larry Brechner**, Auditorium Director; **Rose Ceperish**, Registrar/Secretary; **Linda Hall**, Supervisory Aide; **Marilyn Kuiper**, Secretary; **Georgette Luce**, Secretary

Rosa Mazzocco, Nurse; **Amy Ogrentz**, Supervisory Aide; **Sue Powell**, Library Aide; **Cheryl Ryan**, Treasurer, **Don "Sarge" Scott**, Supervisory Aide; **Judy Sorota**, Athletic Secretary







Above and right, members of the kitchen staff stop during their activities. Pictured at the right are: Jo Steffens, Nancy Cowgill, Joan Kretz, Carol Riley, Mary Crane, Sharon Shideler, JoEllyn Cortright, Sandra Brakley, Phyllis Paulanski, Teresa Reese, Bernice Sacha, Joann Shawver, Sarah Rosales, Elizabeth Czyszczon, and Cecelia Stefanski.

Above, right, Guidance Coordinator Mrs. Corally McCann works with registrar and secretary Mrs. Rose Ceperich. Both are very active for Highland students.



Support Staff remains essential; The Steffens, Brechner move on



Though many students never know exactly all the duties of the support staff, one thing is positive. Without them Highland High School would simply not function.

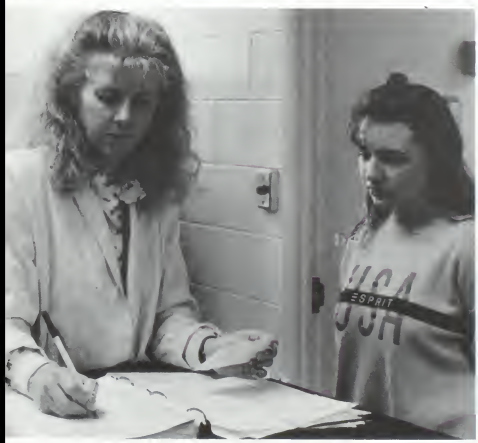
From Registrar and Guidance Secretary Mrs. Rose Ceperich to the Main Office secretaries Mrs. Marilyn Kuiper and Mrs. Donna Blair to Treasurer Mrs. Cheryl Ryan, Nurse Rosa Mazzocco, to Sarge Scott and Mrs. Linda Hall, Mrs. Amy Ogrentz, the cooks and the maintenance people, the support staff remains essential.

This year saw the retirement of several key people. George Steffans and his wife Jo retired after years of service to the buildings and grounds, and Mrs. Steffens as director of the HHS cafeteria.

After 11 years of building up the Highland Theatre Company and the Aud staff, Mr. Larry Brechner leaves to assume duties at the Munster Center for the Performing Arts. He leaves a legacy of great theatre and real comaraderie among HTC people.

Leaving the Highland Theatre Company as his legacy, Mr. Larry Brechner moves on to the Munster Center for the Performing Arts.

Below, left, Rosa Mazzocco is not only Highland High's nurse, but an advisor to many students as well.





Retiring after years of service, Mrs. Jo Steffens and Mr. George Steffens have given their best for Highland staff and students.

Juniors Class of '93 boasts many school leaders

New jobs make new responsibilities

When the first two years of high school are over, some interesting things happen.

The label of underclassman suddenly disappears.

The idea that a person is still too young to understand the workings of the school and its many activities is also gone.

With that first day of school as a junior, suddenly there is new respect coming from different sides. Younger students look up to the new upperclassmen with a sense of awe. Even teachers look to juniors to take the lead in class discussions or in after school projects.

There is a sense of purposeness in junior year, aided by the fact SAT's loom ahead. There is also the need to begin the college search in ernest, with mail, forms, and the filling out of endless applications as the months tick away.

Is junior year good? For thjose who use the time to get involved, become more active, and learn to handle jobs plus homework and after school activity, the answer is a resounding "Absolutely!"

There's only one thing better for the high school student — to know senior year is right around the corner!





Above, Angie Testolin, Lee Christenson and Tricia Zoeteman share the burden of homework by discussing the topic assigned.

Deep in his role for the winter play, Randy Nortman shows the strength of the character he is playing.



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Shawn Anderson
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Dawn Ault
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Tammy Bandura
Michael Banhart
Carolynn Bannon
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Kory Berda
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Janice Black
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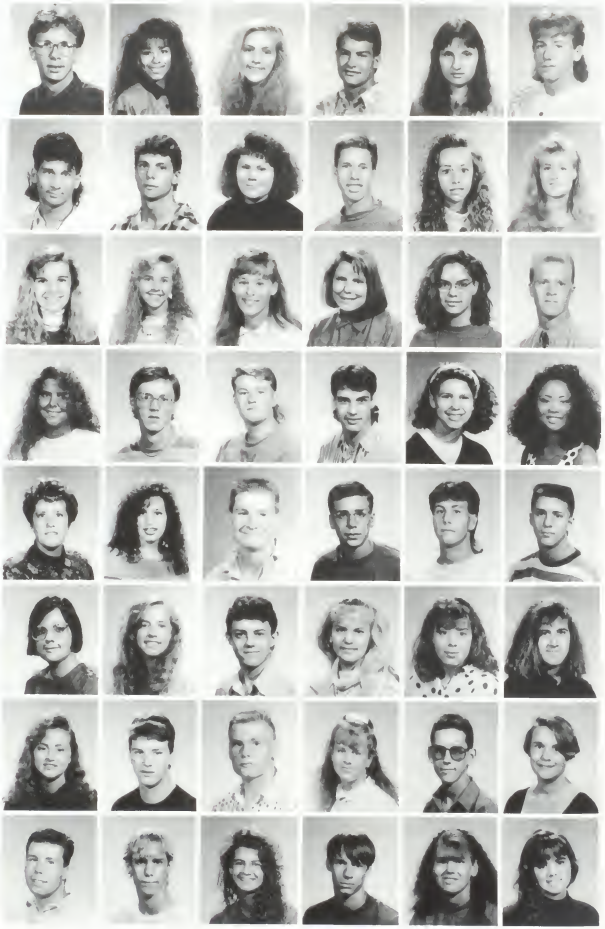
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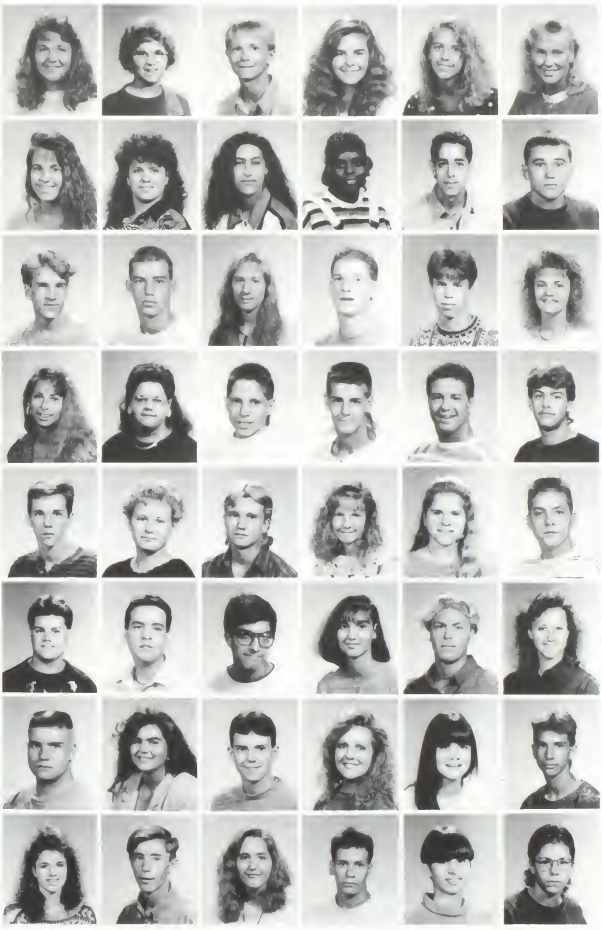
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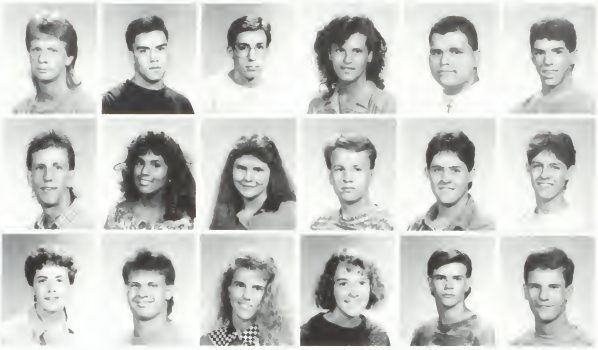
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Winter Play

Involvement in activities shows junior leadership

With Junior Year many members of the Class of '93 became leaders in the various extra-curricular activities throughout the school.

Bringing experience from underclass years into such groups as auditorium theatre company, journalism, speech and debate, as well as the various sports programs, the juniors quickly took their place as leaders.

The year also brought new perspective to all students. The news of the Jeffrey Dahmer and Mike Tyson trials marked many conversations through the year. As the presidential election began to heat up, some juniors began to take sides for the Republican and Democratic candidates. Bill Clinton's problems were soon replaced in the headlines by President Bush's as the year progressed.

With the end of junior year, many classes also packed up for the moves caused by coming renovation.



Junior Jessica Stern wears make-up to increase her age in the winter play produced by the Highland Theatre Company.



Jennifer Orzechowicz
Anne Marie Pagan
Scott Palmer
Alicia Panicucci
Jay Parlor
Ivan Pavich

Jim Peters
Mike Peterson
Darren Pigg
Mickey Pitts
Phil Pliskey
Chris Pluta

Scott Ponce
Lori Popplewell
Brad Porter
Stephanie Quigg
Christina Quinn
Joel Radzinski

Don Rench
Joe Repking
Robert Rieckhoff
Sarah Rich
Autumn Robinson
Jason Rosing

Carolyn Ross
Christa Rumery
Patricia Ryan
Jerome Sablich
Mike Shneider
Chris Scholl

Eric Severson
Kevin Simko
Jennifer Sheidler
Mary Simpson
Kristen Skaggs
Jon Slager

Shelly Sholar
Jennifer Sons
Nancy Sorota
Steven Sparz
Scott Spencer
Blase Spoljoric

Alex Stasney
Amy Stasney
Adam Stepanovich
Jessica Stern
Erin Stokes
Jerry Stowell

Laura Strickhorn
Anecha Sullivan
Paul Sullivan
Thomas Summers
Mike Szczepanek
Vincent Tabor

Tara Tauber
Ronald Taylor
Angela Testolin
Jennifer Tharp
Michelle Thomas
Karissa Trembecki

Violet Trivunovic
Cari Tuck
Michelle Tucker
Eric Tucker
Scott Tucker
Michael Tyburski

Lisa Vandertuck
Margaret Vesloski
Joe Walkowiak
Eric Wallace
Averie Wallner
Joni Weaver

Jill Westberg
Christine White
Shannon Wiist
Mike Wilson
Darron Witt
Jill Wolendowski

Michael Wyatt
Jason Wynkoop
Stephen Yadron
Jeffry Yatsko
Brandy Younkers
Jennifer Zaborowski

Brian Zalewski
Dan Zemaitis
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Patricia Zoeteman
Bryan Zygmunt



Junior Common Sense Makes Things Work Better

Class of 93

Year of renovation will mark their senior year



When school starts in September, this year's juniors will have a most eventful senior year.

As parts of both junior and senior high school buildings are torn down and remodeled, classes will be held in temporary classrooms and around usable parts of the schools.

One thing sure to remain is the junior spirit which has marked this group as a better than average class through all their years of school.

No matter there is dust and debris in other parts of the building. Wherever next year's seniors will be, there will be spirit and the willingness to make a positive difference.

No renovation will damppen this class's senior year!

Sophomore Kim Easto waits for the bell with junior Becky Barrett. Shawna Atkinson, below, and Jill Wolendowski.





Sophs They'll reap the rewards of renovation!

Every class must live down the traditional meaning of the word "sophomore".

This Class of '94 has some distinct advantages as they move through their second year at Highland High School.

As the Class of '94, this year's sophomores are the first class which will graduate from a totally renovated high school and junior high school building. While they will suffer through the displacement of classrooms and have their share of time in the temporary classrooms in the "New" Gym, they will be the first class to reap the rewards of their discomfort. As different sections of the junior and senior high schools are finished with renovation, this year's sophomores will be the first class to move into more and more classes which have the "New Highland Look".

From the library and media center to the new swimming pool and new arrangement of guidance and different class areas, this year's sophs will be the first to claim the totally renovated buildings as their alma mater.

Not bad for those who were, one short year ago, just freshmen walking into a new situation as people on the bottom level of the totem pole!

Things do change!







Above, Sophomore Mandy Dyson shares a relaxing moment before class with freshman Sarah Meinkie.

John Turnbull finds himself enjoying a chemistry class as sophomore year brings on new academic challenges.

Sophomore Paula Zaborowski makes some decisions at the candy machines after sixth period has ended.



Lisa Abbott
Laura Abraham
Lori Acala
Amy Andreatta
Jennifer Bahr
Lisa Banas

Jamie Barenie
Richard Barker
Brian Barr
Shannon Bateman
Molly Begala
Robin Beiderhake

George Bell
Marie Bennington
Matthew Benware
Arin Betchen
Jennifer Bognar
Jason Bouchard

Ian Broski
Amanda Buck
Mary Burkman
George Caddick
Paul Camp
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Tim Chervenak
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Steven Dopka
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Nathan Dwenger
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Jenny Filipowicz
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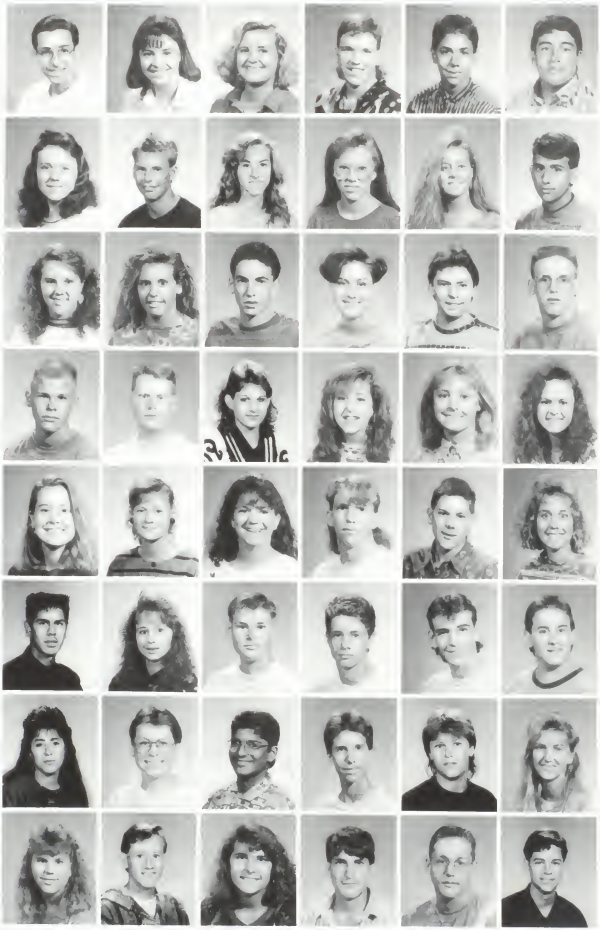
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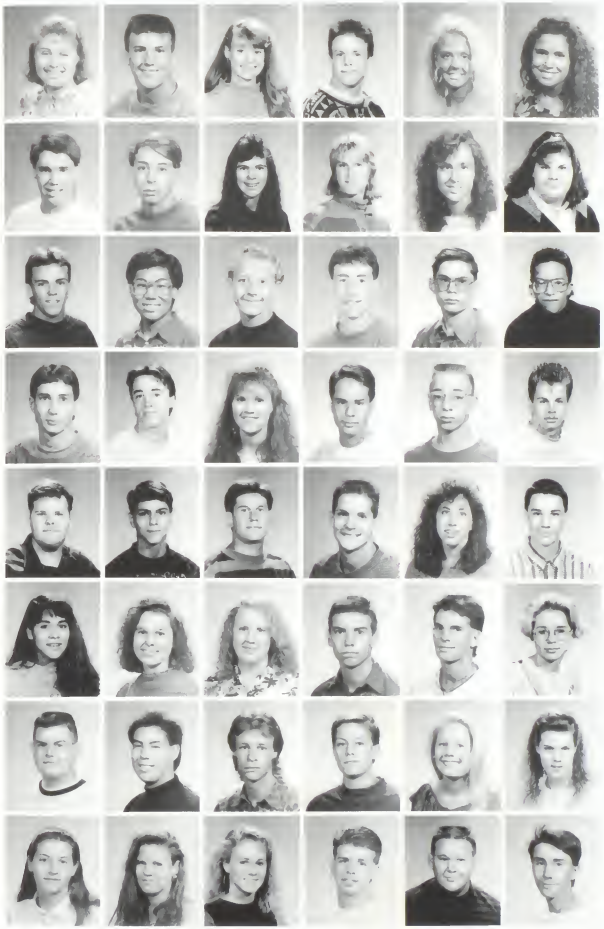
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Randall Swinford
Misty Szmuc
Rebecca Tabor





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Jason Tharp
Tobi Timm
Valerie Troppman

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Bryan Tuskan
Michael Upchurch
Tatjana Uzelac
Michelle Vanbodegraven
Rachael Vanderbuilt

Karen VanderWall
Scott Vasaitis
Ben Waldron
Kelly Walkowiak
Jason Walsh
William Walsh

Kim Warnecke
Nathan Weyer
Tonya Willman
Dan Winchell
Mike Wolatka
Joe Woodward

Jessica Wories
Paula Zaborowski
Alice Zakrzacki
Kim Zalewski



Working on an English project on Hat Day during Spirit Week, sophomores Karen Duffy, June Jemenko and Rick Barker get creative over their assignment.





Sophomore Jenny Olsheski joins James Cortwright and Jeremy Devries in band activities all during the year.

Above, Mr. Marty Kessler remains one of sophomore math students favorite teachers, making his classes come to life.

Working through an art project, sophomore Karen Gaskey is caught off guard as she looks up from her concentration.



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They ll Be First To Enjoy Renovated School

Sophomores Take Their Place In All HHS School Activities

As the years of high school swiftly pass, so do many good times. In years to come, reminiscing about sophomore year will have its good and not so good memories. Tenth Grade is one of those in-between years when students are old enough for some things, yet too young for others.

New opportunities pop up as sophomore year progresses. Friends that have known each other since their elementary school days witness each other getting their licenses and driving on the expressway (scary thought). Long term relationships between boyfriends and girlfriends begin.

"The one thing I really like is having benches to sit at!" states Mandy Norris.

More responsibility comes along as each year of high school progresses. During sophomore year many students get jobs and more freedom. Both of these priviliges require more responsible behavior on the part of the teenager.

This year the sophomore class was led by President Ed Negovetich, Vice President Linda Montalvo, Treasurer Jennifer Bognar, and Secretary Amy Finn. Mr. Adam Baez supervised activities as the class sponsor. The class began fundraising this year to raise money for the prom. Some of the fundraisers included Secret Santas, raffling jackets, sponsoring dances, and selling Easter products to students and town residents.

No matter what happens during this year, students have the opportunity to do a lot of good growing and learning about people.

The second year of high school can mean different things to different people. It could be a year to excel in academics and sports or a time to blow off everything. For some, Sophomore Year is just one step closer to graduation, but for others it was a year to remember.

◆ Amy Finn





Caught in a time of intense thought while writing, sophomore Arin Betchen also shows high computer expertise.

Sophs Mary Johnson, Tonya Harris, Mandy Norris, Katie Smith and Alice Zakrzacki have learned the value of combining talents whenever there's work to be done.

Freshmen

Renovation — Their gift from Highland as upperclassmen





Surviving Freshman Year isn't as hard as most people imagine. The name calling, book knocking, and endless taunts don't last forever.

As a matter of fact, it is a year for growth, prosperity, and new experiences.

In the beginning of the year, things seem confusing and unorganized. Some students don't respect the lower classmen and may give them a hard time. As time passes, however, it becomes easier. Things fall into a natural routine and everyone finds his and her own niche.

New opportunities open their doors everywhere. Freshman Year becomes a chance to begin new friendships and to discover new talents. Football games, dances, and other activities absorb the free time of many. The freshmen begin to blend in socially with the rest of the student body. This year they were even allowed to attend Prom for the first time.

After a while, upperclassmen realize most freshmen aren't much different from the other students. They may even remember what it felt like to be a freshman themselves.

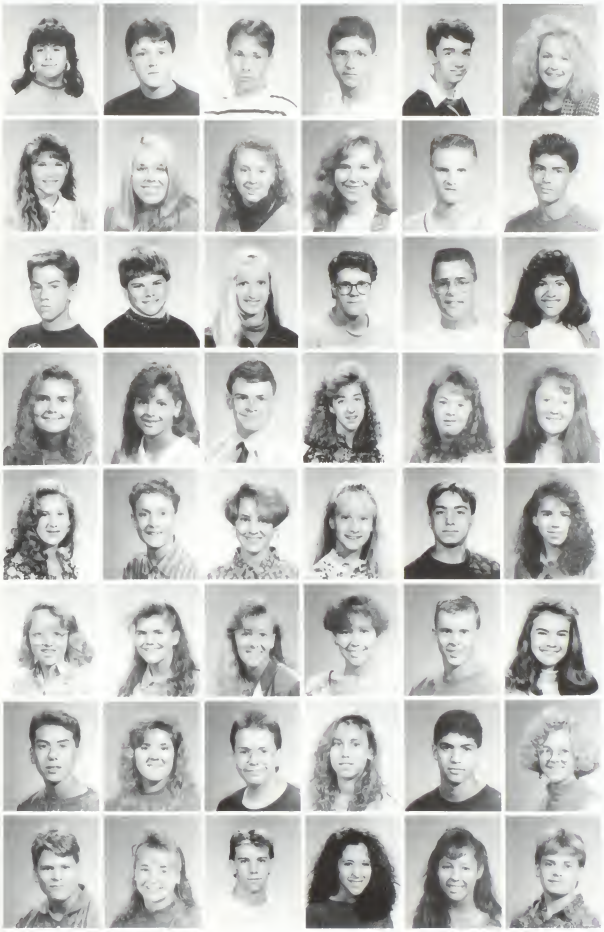
Just when everyone has adjusted to his an her environment — boom! It's the end of the year!

Then freshmen realize high school isn't as horrible as they thought. Actually, it is rather enjoyable, and they've learned to react to a new life.

◆ Laura Cichon

The officers of this year's Freshman Class are: Marija Jovicic, Tracy Ziemniak, and Heather Skertich. They were elected in November, after the class had settled in.

It didn't take Sara Keil and Susan Kulczyk a long time to fit in with Highland styles and the Highland way of doing things.



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Mike Albrecht
Keith Allen
Tony Anderson
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Kathleen Babock
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Heather Heintzman
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The First Year: It Isn't So Bad

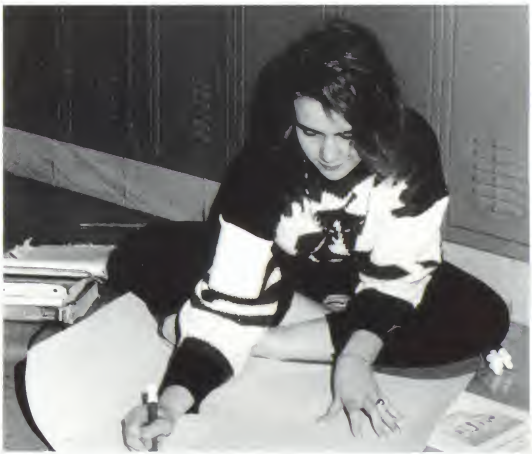
Starting from the bottom again and trying to get your locker open are some of the biggest concerns of the freshmen at Highland High School.

This year also opened the doors for new opportunities. Freshmen gained the right to go to prom when invited by an upperclassman.

Freshmen may always be looked down upon; but, it really should not be taken as a personal thing.

Freshmen have to learn not to take offense at people teasing them.

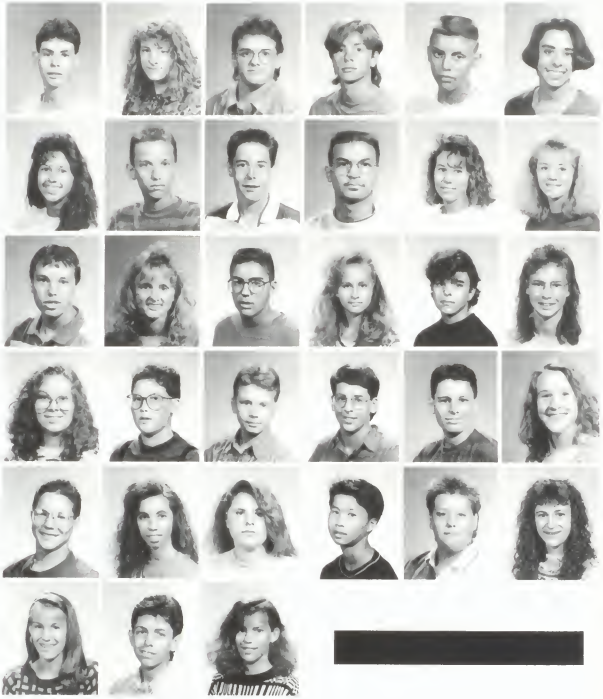
◆ Tanya Harris



Kele Hester uses the hall for a desk, working on an English project.

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Though They've Started At The Bottom They're Headed for The Very Top

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First Year — *No Reason To Fear*

New hair do, new clothes, and a new attitude are all part of making a good impression on the first day of high school. Starting at the bottom of the barrel as a freshman can be pretty frightening. The key word here is fear.

Walking through the doors of Highland High for the first time is enough to give anyone the chills. Some of these fears are totally ludricous, while others are definitely justified.

Common things that may happen to freshmen include walking into the wrong class late, not being able to open a locker, and getting stared at while walking past the beches. All these things are minor and easily forgotten by those who observe it happening.

Other worries, that almost never happen, are: not having any friends in class or to eat lunch with, having books knocked over, and getting completely lost.

Soon there are so many things happening that freshman forget their fears and anxieties. There are new people to meet, things to do, and places to go.

"Meeting new people is fun!" says freshman Angela Castillo.

Also it's an opportunity to actually have fun in school. It's a time to make the most of what is offered, both in the school curriculum and in the many extra curricular activities the school offers.

"Try your hardest, do your best, and don't give up. Then, your year will be great!" advises freshman Amy Evilsizor.

By following this good advice, school can become an enjoyable place to be.

◆ **Alicia Castillo**

Freshman Katie Schmidt is already writing a teen column for the *Post-Tribune*.







Chad Warren learns his way around school from junior Jana Lippie and others.

People Make The Difference

No matter whether they're in class, getting ready for a play, showing team spirit before a meet, or just spending time together, the Highland students seem to all share the unique quality of **HHS At Its Best**.

The choir on the way to the Liberty Bowl or Cross Country exhausted after a meet all say the same — **We're from Highland, and we're proud to show it!**

If friendship counts and the show goes on, it matters.

The HHS spirit stays the same!



Right, Michelle Tucker does Erin Galosich's theatre hair. This page, girls cross country; Despina Amanatidis, Kim Easto, Janet Reichmuth, and Liz Ecsy on the road; Jen Komacko and Mike Borowiec.





Always Time To Share

Highland Spirit

They Make Extra Effort Count



Michelle Castillo and Chrissy Quinn are Girls State delegates. Meena Ahmadzai, with Mr. Masepohl, wins an English Writing Award.









Above, Mr. Vassar congratulates Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach Larry Johnson. Above, Academic Athletes Jerry Woodward, Jason Quigg, and Mark Edwards. Right, Orchestra music award winners Carissa Troopman, Jenny Granger, Katie Siebold, and Rayn Summers.

Reichmuth, Laciak lead Class of '92

Academic Top Ten named

Student achievers merit GPA high ranking



Janet Reichmuth
Valedictorian



Michele Laciak
Salutatorian

Highland talent emerges again

In a school of about 2,000 students, there is always those few who rise above the rest. Making a name for yourself through academics takes hard work and dedication.

Seniors who deserve recognition for their acccomplishments include the top ten graduating seniors of the class of 1992. They include respectively Janet Reichmuth (Valedictorian), Michelle Laciak (Salutatorian), Lorri Kocon, Joanna Fozkos, Jerry Woodward, Mark Edwards, Jennifer Nielsen, Patty Olson, Janice Moore, and Mike Graziani. They are only the tip of an iceberg of Highland talent.



Lorri Kocon



Joanna Fozkos



Jerry Woodward



John Mark Edwards



Jennifer Nielsen



Patricia Olson



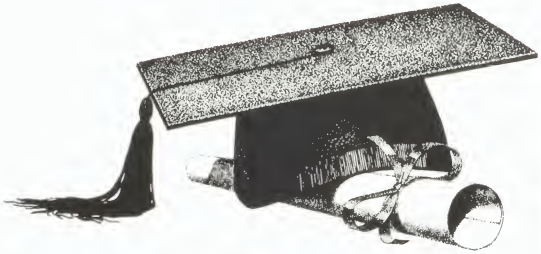
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Juli Matulis



Julie Kwasny

Two members of the Class of '92 are Julie Matulis and Julie Kwasny.

Julie Kwasny was in Band first year, and has been on *Shield* in junior and senior year.

Julie Matulis was in cheerleading, Spanish and National Honor Societies, on the yearbook in sophomore and junior year, and a Student Council member.

These are two of the many members of the Class of 1992.



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Pat Hoadley and Elizabeth Ecsy are leads. Mike Deleget and Michele Tucker dance.











Elizabeth Ecsy with Despina Amanatidis, above, and right, children: Lorri Kocon, Jeremy Hayes, Jenny Poe, Chris DeVries, Lauren Brechner, Michelle Tucker, Kim Easto. Right: Lewis Reinholt, Mike Beko, Pat Hoadley, and Brian Sankowsk were also key players in this musical.





Last Bow For Brechner

Elizabeth Ecsy, Pat Hoadley lead Sound of Music cast, crew

In what became the last Highland Theatre Company production for Aud Director Larry Brechner, the cast and crew of *Sound of Music* scored a end of season triumph.

With Elizabeth Ecsy and Pat Hoadley in the lead roles of Maria and Captain Von Trapp, the part of the Mother Abbess was played by Despina Amanatidis.

The Von Trapp children were played by Michelle Tucker, Jeremy Hayes, Lorri Kocon, Chris DeVries, Kim Easto, Jennie Poe, and Lauren Brechner. Lauren is the daughter of Mr. Brechner, and according to many, stole the show.

Left, Elizabeth Ecsy as Maria and Despina Amanatidis as Mother Abbess. Pat Hoadley and Melissa Lockery in a tense scene.

Mike Deleget played the young man Rolf, while Mary Callaway, Mary Simpson, Jessica Stern, Melissa Lockery, and Brian Sankowski also had key roles.

Larry Brechner directed the slow with Mike Beko as student director. Alicia Panacucci was Assistant Student Director and Costume Director. Debbie Pawlowski choreographed the show, and Terri Debries was costume magician.

Aa successful run of large audiences and a great cast party, the cast and crew offered special thanks to Larry Brechner, who now moves on to direct theatre activities at the Munster Center for the Performing Arts.

This show ended a strong nine years of the Brechner touch on Highland drama.





Left, Despina Amanatidis as Mother Abbess sings the show classic, "Climb Every Mountain. During a storm, Maria sings to the children: Chris DeVries, Jeremy Hayes, Jenny Poe, Lorri Kocon, Kim Easto, and Lauren Brechner.

Senior guys led by Todd Skertich, Mark Edwards, Mike Rybicki and Jerry Woodward enjoy prom, as does the wild man Pete Sedrak, caught here in rare dancing form.

Some lucky camera is focusing on prom goers Kelly Egan, Amy Joseph, Brooke LaBorde and Lisa Hepburn. All are graduates and members of the Class of 1992.

Kelly Egan and Mark Sharp share a dance, celebrating friendship which as grown over four years in high school. Both are graduates.











Prom Court: Queen Julie Gray, King Doug Boersma, Holly Oprea, Brian Zygmunt, Brandy Younkers, Mike Golumbeck, Stephanie Quigg, Simo Glumac, Chrissy Quinn, Todd Giba.

To Close The Year

Set The Night To Music
Julie Gray, Doug Boersma lead Prom Court royalty

"After all" the work was finished, opportunity for an unforgettable night remained.

After the elegant black and silver entrance to St. Constantin Hall in Merrillville, many were surprised when through the tunnel pastel stars cascaded from the ceiling. The 70 foot rainbow of colors added even more to the wonderful effect.

The theme "Set the Night to Music" was accented with Peter Cetera and Cher's song, "After All".

Joanie Kruger, a member of prom committee, said they chose that song becasue, "We thought 'After All' would be a good song for the seniors after all they've been through together!"

Time to announce the prom court arrived. Queen nominees were Julie Gray, Chrissy Quinn, Brandy Younkers, Stephanie Quigg, and Holly Oprea. King nominees were Doug Boersma, Todd Giba, Simo Glumac, Brian Zygmunt, and Mike Golumbeck.

Julie Gray and Doug Boersma were chosen prom queen and king. Julie said, "It's not just the dance that everyone looks forward to. It's the whole prom weekend. Everyone knows there are not too many proms in a lifetime, so they try to make them special. I know I won't forget mine."

Prom '92 was end of the year, and the end of an era for members of the senior class.

◆ Lisa Hepburn





Sophomore Tanya Harris really gets into the dance with her steady date, senior Don Herald. The song was "Old Time Rock And Roll".

Leading prom royalty are King Doug Boersma and Queen Julie Gray. They were chosen by all students who attended prom.

To Close The Year

Graduation Day Arrives

Janet Reichmuth leads Class of '92 toward future

With four years of challenges, memories, and good people behind them, members of the Class of 1992 moved toward the future in commencement ceremonies.

With Valedictorian Janet Reichmuth and Salutatorian Michelle Laciak leading the way, diplomas were passed out and graduates turned their tassles, becoming alumni of Highland High School.

Principal Dr. Renner Ventling presented the class-, and many teachers were at the ceremony in the academic robes and colors of their universities. Also helping to make graduation perfect were Assistant Principals Dr. Linda Anast and Mr. Michael Backes.

In addition to Janet and Michelle, members of the Academic Top Ten of the Class of 1992 are: Lori Kocon, Joanna Fozkos, Jerry Woodward, John Mark Edwards, Jennifer Nielsen, Patricia Olson, Janice Moore, and Michael Graziani.

Graduation exercises began at 1:30, and before long video cams and still cameras were recording the eventful day as parents, relatives and friends helped graduates celebrate.

School Board President Lawrence Vassar helps distribute graduates' diplomas during the June 7 ceremony.



Board Vice-President Burton Masepohl distributes diplomas as other school officials and the Class of '92 look on.





Above, graduates face the future. Right, Class Sponsor Brenda Larsen helps grads line up to receive their diplomas.





Michele Laciak is Salutatorian, and Janet Reichmuth is Valedictorian of '92.

HHS Principal Dr. Renner Ventling presents the Class of 1992.

Walking through the flowered arch, graduates approach their future.









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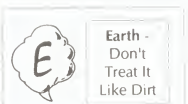


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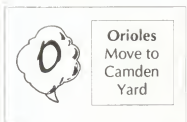


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Colophon

Not just talking, but producing a Blue Streak

The 1991-1992 yearbook comes as the result of the work of a 19 member staff with the help of the journalism class.

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As a result of rising school spirit, the theme "Talking a Blue Streak" was chosen to coordinate with a blue and gold cover and opening section. "Talking a Blue Streak" also serves the dual purpose of showing that with so many changes in the school with the beginning renovation as well as the world — with the fall of communism and the L.A. riots, many students have indeed been talking a blue streak.

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These girls were talking loud and clear at the Munster/Highland football aurama in August.



Ray Velez kicks back and relaxes after a hard night of work at Miner-Dunn restaurant on Indianapolis Blvd.



Talking a BLUE Streak

While some like Brooke LaBorde soon tire of endless chatting, others like Amy Joseph will be forever...





Stop

Talking and Just Do It

All good things must eventually come to an end.

This 1991-1992 school year was full of excitement. With the increasing warming trend, Highland students thought it was pretty 'cool' of the school board to approve full air conditioning for the entire junior and senior complex. The renovation plans continued full force. Talk of a new school became reality.

The boys basketball team won sectionals for the second time in Highland's history. The whole town came out to show its support. The swim team sent their usual bunch down to let Indy know that Highland may be small, but it's still kickin'!

Three students were selected to study abroad in Germany; a voice of congratulations to the foreign language department in any language. Five students went state for the Science Olympiad and Choir sent 11 to ISSMA state.

Student Council raised over $1000 for Katherine Kuna, the little girl who asked for a liver, and captured the community's heart.

But talk is cheap.

Highland realized there came a time to take Nike's advice and *Just Do It*! Believe it or not, there is a time to **STOP** . . .

Talking A Blue Streak

Erin Galosich grew old before most in the winter play "But Why Bump Off Barnaby". All things eventually grow old, but it took awhile to tire of...

Talking a BLUE Streak



